

Yeltsin snubs Soviet leader at summit

Bush lays down tough terms for Gorbachev

From Peter Stothard and Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday set out tough and explicit terms for the Soviet Union's entry into the economic system of the free world. He called on President Gorbachev to give way in a territorial dispute with Japan, liberate the Baltic states and end aid to Cuba.

Mr Bush told the Soviet leader on the first day of the Moscow summit that without the policy changes and domestic economic reforms to match those in eastern Europe, America would be held back in its desire to help "the new Soviet revolution".

At the same time, he stated his intention of awarding most-favoured nation trading status and the lifting of other restrictions on trade. Mr Bush promised to recommend to Congress the US-Soviet trade agreement delayed by past Soviet restrictions on free emigration and travel. "Then," he said, "we can grant the Soviet Union most-favoured nation status." Moscow has long believed that the lack of

that status is the chief impediment to a sharp increase in trade with the US.

As well as calling for independence for the three Baltic states, Mr Bush expressed support for Japan's claim to the four southern Kurile islands, occupied by the Soviet Union since the second world war. Japan says it will not release large sums in aid to the Soviet Union until the issue is resolved. Warning Mr Gorbachev that intransigence could "hamper your integration into the world economy", Mr Bush offered "to do whatever we can to help", suggesting a mediation effort.

The two leaders had earlier held three and a half hours of talks in the Kremlin, first alone and then with members of their delegations. Afterwards, the White House spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, spoke of the "close personal working relationship" which had developed between the two leaders. Although he qualified the talks as having gone only "quite well", he said that it was a sign of growing maturity in the relationship that they could "discuss candidly and forthrightly".

One conspicuous absentee from the Kremlin was the Russian president, Boris Yeltsin. Although Mr Gorbachev's spokesman, Vitali Ignatenko, had announced that Mr Yeltsin would take part in talks between the delegations, the only republican leader present was President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. Mr Ignatenko tried to play down Mr Yeltsin's absence, saying that it had been agreed late on Monday, but the Russian leader's decision to stay away was widely interpreted as a snub to Mr Gorbachev.

Mr Yeltsin's office said first that the invitation had arrived too late, and then that he did not need to attend because he had his own meeting with Mr Bush in the afternoon. In a possible attempt to limit any damage to his alliance with Mr Gorbachev, Mr Yeltsin later announced that Russia was now ready to sign the new union treaty that Mr Gorbachev hopes will be concluded in September.

The controversy illustrated the delicacy of the political situation in which the summit is taking place, with the republics competing to be treated as equals with the central authorities. While deferring to Mr Gorbachev's position as

state president, Mr Bush emphasised America attempts to establish working relations with the republics and said pointedly: "More fundamental than the relations of leaders are the shared values of their people".

Yesterday's talks concentrated on the Soviet economy and included discussion of the Group of Seven meeting in London at which the Soviet Union was offered associate status in the International Monetary Fund. Mr Bush spurned Mr Gorbachev's attempts to force the pace of Soviet admission to full membership and said that Moscow's next step should be "to devise an economic strategy with the IMF and World Bank that wins the support of the international investment community".

The morning saw the signing by ministers of five bilateral agreements on technical assistance, housing, medical supplies, disaster relief and civil aviation. The Start treaty reducing strategic nuclear weapons will be signed today and Mr Gorbachev is expected to raise the future of strategic defence systems during talks at his home in Novo-Ogarevo today. Mr Ignatenko said that space, naval forces and tactical nuclear weapons would be on the agenda.

The Middle East is also expected to figure prominently. The American Secretary of State, James Baker, spent much of yesterday in intense discussions on subject and his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh held out hope of new developments when he told reporters that the restoration of Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations might be imminent. "It may go along with this peace conference proposal," he said. "It may be very close to realisation."

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Heavy weather: Pavarotti and his tablecloth, rehearsing as the rain fell yesterday

Hyde Park 1991: they were there

By Joe Joseph

PLACIDO Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti's great rival, must have been up all night praying for such weather. But the rain in Hyde Park did not deter the crowds who had started to grow by dawn yesterday, and who had to wait until mid-afternoon for the first sight of their idol.

After the Philharmonia Orchestra had run through its scales, Pavarotti entered the re-pro classical Greek stage to rehearse with the band. For someone who likes to rehearse his arias in the shower, the conditions were just about perfect.

Women in the audience swooned, snapped open the cardboard binoculars given away free with every £3 programme, peered at the stage and swooned again at the sight of Pavarotti's huge, happy frame. He peered back and saw perhaps 4,000 men, women, children and dogs, some of them listening, some of them reading, some of them spread out on the grass asleep, their legs and half their torsos encased in black plastic binoculars, as though they had flopped out after a particularly exhausting parents' sackrace.

Rose Berry, wearing a Pavarotti tee-shirt and claiming to be a fan, said: "I was

No hiding from the Chetniks

The horror of the war in Croatia became clear yesterday as a human shield by Serbian militiamen attacking their village. Tim Judah reports

Vinisa Blazevic, aged 19, hid in her house when the attack began last Friday morning. The Chetniks, or Serbian militiamen, were using mortars against Struga, where she lived, one of seven Croatian villages in an overwhelmingly Serbian area 100 miles southeast of Zagreb.

Hiding was no use. "They came and smashed down the doors," she said, in a barely audible voice. "The boy who found me said 'Don't worry, I won't do anything to you'. He was confused when he saw that it was me. I was at school with him. I recognised many of them."

Outside her house, she was beaten repeatedly with rifle butts and forced to march in a human shield to protect the Chetniks from Croatian police fire. It was made up mainly of about 40 hostages seized from the neighbouring village of Zamla. She said that she thought there were 100 Chetniks in all, but was

unsure. Behind the Chetniks was a police car from the breakaway Serb enclave of Krajina and a lorry with an anti-aircraft gun mounted on it, a mortar and a machinegun. As the column advanced to the centre of the village, she said, three policemen were captured, or they surrendered. "They were made to crawl and then told to undress. Then the Chetniks crowded around them and began to beat them with their guns. Then they told them to get up and run. They were so badly wounded they just staggered into the field where they were shot down. The Chetniks were laughing and enjoying this. Some of the hostages were physically sick."

Other refugees had heard that at least one policeman had his eyes gouged out. Continued on page 20, col 7

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Sheikh buys time for BCCI with £50m aid deal

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of England was yesterday defeated in its High Court attempt to wind-up the Bank of Credit and Commerce International after the ruler of Abu Dhabi unveiled a £50 million emergency compensation package.

The court postponed the liquidation of BCCI for four months to give the Abu Dhabi authorities and Touche Ross, the bank's provisional liquidators, time to negotiate a rescue plan.

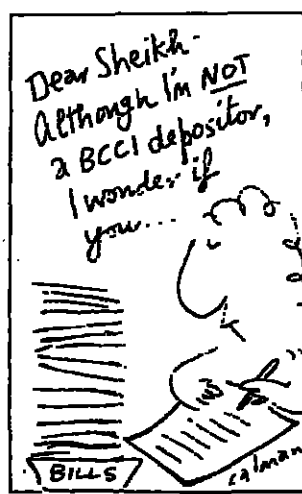
Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the vice-chancellor, said the sheikh's offer was adequate and indeed generous. "If any substantial recovery is to be made for BCCI creditors worldwide, the best and possibly the only hope is in restructuring proposals which might be put forward by the government of Abu Dhabi."

The Bank of England had argued that a bank that had been run in a "scandalously fraudulent" manner should not be allowed to survive. It pressed for the immediate winding up, saying Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi who is BCCI's main shareholder, had not offered the £15,000 that would be available to each customer under its deposit protection scheme.

David Johnson QC, the counsel for the Abu Dhabi authorities, described the Bank of England's position "insular and short-sighted", and Sir Nicolas had no hesitation in rejecting its argument as placing too much emphasis on 9,000 British depositors at the expense of 1.25 million others worldwide. The sheikh's £50 million would relieve undue hardship until the winding-up hearing returns to court on December 2.

The sheikh is offering BCCI's British depositors three-quarters of their savings up to £5,000 as an emergency loan while rescue negotiations continue. More than three-quarters of the British customers will qualify for the full relief, leaving some nine thousand worse off in the short term. Touche Ross told the court it hoped to start making payments next month.

The sheikh has also agreed to pay the salaries of BCCI's 1,200 British staff on a week-



by-week basis until prospects for a rescue become clearer. The Abu Dhabi authorities will today give £1.2 million to Touche Ross to cover the first two weeks' wage bill.

The decision to delay the liquidation was hailed as a triumph by BCCI's depositors and staff, who hope the sheikh will now step in and fund a reopening of the bank. Quiser Malik, a member of the BCCI staff association said: "We are delighted with the delay and grateful to the sheikh for his generosity."

Brian Simons, the partner from Touche Ross who is in charge of the worldwide administration of BCCI, said in a statement outside the court that the decision would give him a period of calm to Continued on page 20, col 3

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Max Jaffa dies at 79

MAX Jaffa, the violinist and orchestra leader who gained widespread popularity with his light classical concerts on radio and television, died yesterday at his home in London. He was 79.

For nearly three decades he gave summer season concerts in Scarborough, Yorkshire, where he and his Spa Orchestra became a familiar feature. He retired at the end of last year. He died peacefully with his wife at his side, his daughter, Naomi, said.

TODAY IN THE TIMES

WITHIN HIS KEN

A well-known cricket lover who bats at No. 10 introduces a report on the Foster's Oval, where the Queen opens the Barrington stand today. Pages 27-29

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Enro stats may point to smaller families. Lady Teynham (ten so far) says the more the easier. Page 12

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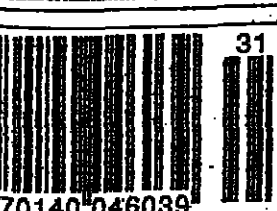
Kitty Kelley is on the receiving end, after a former reporter published a racy attack on the woman who denigrated Nancy Reagan. Page 9

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CBI claims economic slump is deepening

By Philip Bassett and Kevin Eason

THE Confederation of British Industry said yesterday it saw no signs of economic recovery in the foreseeable future, dealing a severe blow to the government's forecasts that growth will improve this year.

Based on its latest industrial trends survey, regarded by the government as an authoritative indicator of the state of British industry, the CBI said the recession was deepening, though it hoped there were now signs of it bottoming out. CBI leaders forecast that another 70,000 manufacturing jobs would be lost before the end of September, and that business confidence, output,

orders and employment would continue to sharply decline.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders yesterday issued a warning that the industry is losing almost one in seven jobs in factories and car showrooms because of higher taxes levied in the Budget and the effects of the recession. Jobs, investment and exports are all in jeopardy, it said. More than 28,500 jobs were lost in the last year.

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Couple reach end of quest for birth-switch baby

From James Bone in New York

A COUPLE who were given a sickly child instead of their own healthy baby at birth, and raised her as their own until her death ten years later, are to receive more than \$7 million (£4.2 million) in damages from the hospital where the switch took place. Ernest and Regina Twigg first learnt that Ariana, the girl they brought up, was not their natural daughter from a blood test taken shortly before her death from a congenital heart defect in 1983.

Their quest for their real daughter led them back to the small rural

Harder Memorial hospital in Wauchope, central Florida, where they found that only one other white girl had been born at the relevant time.

They became convinced that genetic testing would show that the girl, Kimberly, was really the child to whom Mrs Twigg gave birth on December 2, 1978. For Mrs Twigg, the mystery had an added significance since she herself was adopted. In an effort to be close to the girl they believed was their daughter, the Twiggs moved back from Pennsylvania to Sebring, Florida, 60 miles from Kimberly's home.

The man who raised Kimberly was a successful roofing contractor called

Robert Mays. His first wife Barbara had died of cancer several years after giving birth. At first Mr Mays refused all requests to allow Kimberly to undergo genetic testing. But when the Twiggs promised not to seek custody even if she was their daughter and merely to seek visiting rights, he agreed.

The test results in December 1989 showed that Kimberly Mays was the Twiggs' biological daughter. Kimberly met her real parents for the first time the next spring and in later meetings was introduced to her seven new brothers and sisters. In court papers Mrs Twigg quoted Kimberly as saying: "I do not want to hurt my dad's

feelings, so I will call you Mr and Mrs Twigg in front of my dad, but I will call you mom and dad when I am just with you."

Hollywood found the story irresistible, and bid more than \$100,000 for the film rights. The parents' nightmare became a made-for-television film entitled *Switched at Birth*.

Under a court settlement, the Harder Memorial hospital will pay the Twiggs \$1,624,000 immediately and monthly payments for the rest of their lives. The payments will total between \$96,000 and \$180,000 a year. Mr Mays retains custody of Kimberly and has filed his own law suit against the hospital.

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BR chief dreams of Japanese-style efficiency for rail network

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

RATHER more in hope than expectation, Sir Bob Reid yesterday set out his vision of how British Rail should spend more than £1 billion a year over the next decade to become as efficient and modern as the railway system of Japan.

It was, he said, a way of "putting the score on the board" and of beginning a debate about the future of the railways. "By the end of this decade I would like our trains to be like those of Japan and come in to the second rather than to the minute," he said.

Even before the ink was dry on the document, *Future Rail - The next decade*, however, the harsh facts of the recession were taking a big bite out of this year's

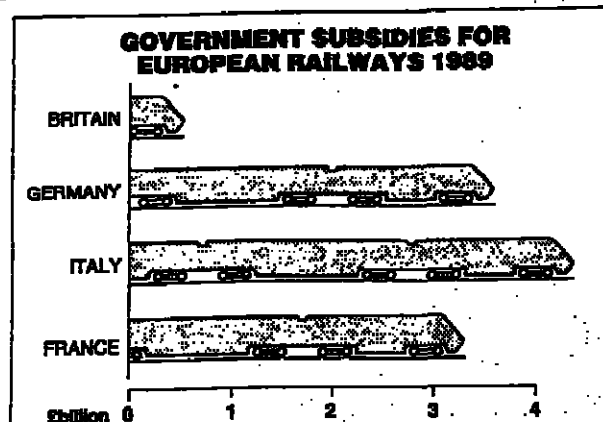
spending plans, let alone those of the next ten years. The board had planned to spend £1.35 billion on modernisation and improvements to services during the current financial year. The government, however, could not agree, and cut the amount of money it wanted to borrow by £350 million, from the £750 million "top up" it had asked for.

At the same time a drop of 7 per cent in the number of commuter passengers into London will contribute towards a £500 million fall in anticipated revenues from fares this year, leading to the cancellation or postponement of many projects.

Nonetheless, Sir Bob set out what amounts to his personal agenda for putting

the company, of which he became chairman last October, back on its feet. It would be, he said, an assault course but one which, if overcome, could lead to "the biggest expansion of rail services in Britain since the end of the last century".

The document, which pulls together all previously announced separate schemes and projects, avoids the crucial problem of privatisation. "This is for parliament and for the government as shareholder to decide," Sir Bob said. "What we aim to do is to lay out an agenda of what needs to be done and to keep our feet to the fire. As the years go by we will then be able to look at it and see what has actually been achieved."



Investment, at £1.1 billion this year, was still the highest for over 30 years, he said. "The momentum under way must be maintained. To achieve our potential and meet the needs of our customers, we must sustain investment on average at

least at these levels throughout the decade."

Such investment covered almost every sphere of BR's activities, from modernising existing rolling stock to maintaining the hundreds of listed buildings, old viaducts and other property. "The

railways are at a watershed. We are faced with tremendous opportunities but if we are to seize them, decisions on projects which will take a decade to complete need to be taken now," Sir Bob said.

He believes that the continuing congestion on the roads and in the air is likely to accelerate the development of the railways and his plan envisages a strong marketing campaign aimed at convincing passengers and freight movers of the advantage of travelling by rail.

He underlined the need for a new west coast route from London to the West Midlands and the North-West using new high-speed intercity 225 trains; an East-West link across London; newly reopened services in urban areas; an improvement to cross country and

rural lines; new trains; major safety improvements; new pay structures; easily understood compensation terms for delayed passengers; and higher standards of service and information systems. How this would be funded Sir Bob left unclear, although he claimed that he had every confidence that the money would be made available.

It was not a view necessary shared by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, who said that he could not guarantee that the £1 billion a year would be available because public expenditure was worked out on an annual basis only.

He said the government had indicated the priority it attached to improving BR by allocating £400 million extra to it from reserves a few weeks ago. "We're quite

serious about this. We're not just indulging in rhetoric. We are actually providing unprecedented resources," he told BBC Radio 4's *The World At One*.

Jimmy Knapp, the rail union leader, was even more cautious. "The real test comes when the words must be translated into action," he said. "Experience of numerous false dawns for railways over the last 30 years forces me to be cautious."

The last ten-year plan for BR was put forward in 1981 when it was also argued that the system was at a critical stage and that urgent action had to be taken to invest in the future. Of the 15 improvements put forward then as essential only seven have been met, in spite of the recent big increase in capital expenditure.

Major ready to answer Iraq export accusations

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister is expected to reply today to Labour accusations that the government colluded in the export of nuclear material and military hardware to Iraq until three days after the invasion of Kuwait.

As officials prepared John Major's rebuttal of the opposition's allegations, Labour kept up the pressure on the government by writing to 10 Downing Street calling for a detailed explanation of British policy on exports to Iraq since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in 1985.

A Labour defence spokesman wrote to the prime minister producing an oral answer from a government minister in which he denied that there had been any arms sales to Iraq by British firms in the past two years.

The Labour spokesman, Alan Rogers, also pointed to another answer from a defence minister confirming that a government defence sales company had been involved in the design and supervision of the construction, supply and installation of safety and monitoring equipment of an integrated weapons complex.

Mr Rogers wrote to the prime minister accusing ministers of "knowing what was going on" in their departments, or not wanting to tell the truth, or not defining equipment such as armoured vehicle spares, artillery fire control, fast assault craft and mortar locating radar equipment exported to Iraq as arms or lethal equipment and urged him to

provide a detailed explanation of government policy.

"How do you explain to the British soldiers who used mortars during Operation Granby that the British mortar-locating radars supplied to Iraq are not lethal? How do you explain to those British soldiers who came under artillery fire that the British artillery fire control systems supplied to Iraq had no significant effect on the war?" Mr Rogers asked.

On July 1 Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, told Mr Rogers in the Commons: "There were certainly no arms sales to Iraq from British firms. That is what I have always said, and I still confirm that absolutely."

Although the list of products licensed for export by the trade department contains items that could be used for military use, it does not contain arms.

A day later Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, told Mr Rogers in the Commons that International Military Services, a government defence sales company, had had a contract with Iraq. It was given a licence to market the design of what the trade department has described as an integrated weapons complex, which was essentially a bunker.

Kenneth Warren, trade and industry select committee chairman, said that he would be working with committee staff to compile questions and would submit them in writing today to the trade secretary, Peter Lilley.



Rani Khan, BCCI assistant manager in London, and Keith Vaz, Labour MP, acclaiming the judgment

Solomon's judgment cheers depositors

VERY hot, very bothered and not a little bewildered, victims of the BCCI collapse filled the vice-chancellor's court to capacity and beyond yesterday. An anxious-looking Asian woman fanned herself with a furred copy of *The Times*. The front-page headline ran: "US jury lays first charge against BCCI". Her companion ran the worry beads through his fingers as though to make sure none was missing.

As the temperature in Court 35 rose, Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, the vice-chancellor, made the first of two significant judgments, both in their way worthy of a latter-day Solomon. Wigs and gowns could be ditched for the hearing.

The Bank of England arguments sawn in half... its counsel winced at the outcome... the depositor in sari started to cry. Bill Frost on the BCCI court decision

It had been standing room only in court since the doors opened at 10.30am. The queue of BCCI account holders had formed outside in the Strand two hours earlier. "Anyone would think Pavarotti was going to give us a song," a periphrastic usher said. For the first time in seven years the public gallery above Court 35 was opened. Available space was snatched up in seconds, but still they came. Outside in the corridor it was rush hour on the Northern Line: hundreds of bodies pressed together tightly and there was a collective shove whenever the doors opened.

A head of sweat rolled down a solicitor's nose and dropped on his pad smudging a fine copperplate note as the vice-chancellor began his judgment. Gabriel Moss, QC, counsel for the Bank of England, sipped water and waited. Mr Moss had spent much of the morning on his feet arguing that BCCI should be wound up sharply, much to the silent fury of account holders who had come to hear

their fate. They would have hissed him if they could.

Adjusting his half moon spectacles the vice-chancellor began a summing up which won him a permanent place in the affections of BCCI account holders and knocked him off the Bank of England's Christmas card list.

Mr Moss looked as though he could hardly believe what he was hearing. As each plank of his argument was sawn in half by the vice-chancellor he winced. When the coup de grace was delivered — no winding up order and an adjournment until December 2 — Mr Moss's upper lip was seen to tremble ever so slightly for a fraction of a second.

David Johnson, QC, counsel for the Abu Dhabi authorities called the Bank of England's position "insular and short-sighted". But the crowd loved the judgment. There were smiles on almost every face, hugs and audible sighs of relief. A Sikh man turned to his neighbour and whispered loudly: "We've won, we've won."



Johnson: called Bank of England shortsighted



Moss: could not believe what he was hearing

Soldiers charged over shooting of 'joyriders'

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BELFAST

SIX members of the Parachute Regiment were charged yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting of two teenage "joyriders" in Belfast last September. They will appear at Belfast magistrates' court today.

The fatal shooting of Martin Declan Peak, aged 17, who was driving the stolen Vauxhall Astra, and one of his two female passengers, Karen McGrillen, aged 18 (also known as Karen Reilly), in the Upper Glen Road on the western outskirts of Belfast late on September 30 has been a cause of controversy in the area for the past ten months and has bedevilled relations between the security forces and local residents.

The other passenger, Markiewicz Gorman, aged 16, was wounded in the incident. At the time the authorities claimed that soldiers had opened fire only after the car had crashed through a checkpoint and had knocked over and injured one soldier.

However, several "people claiming to be eyewitnesses, including Eugene Brennan, aged 27, have given detailed statements to the RUC claiming that there was no checkpoint at the scene of the shooting.

Mr Brennan told a press conference in October that the soldiers had used "extreme force", that the shooting had involved two foot patrols about 500 yards apart and that no effort was made to stop the speeding car before they

opened fire. He estimated that between 40 and 60 shots were fired at the Astra, with shooting continuing even after the vehicle had crashed.

Martin Peak was known as a compulsive joyrider who had been severely beaten by the Provisional IRA in January last year, in its self-appointed "community policing" role in an attempt to cure him of his addiction.

A man aged 20 was remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering Wallace McVeigh, aged 45, a wholesale fruit merchant, in Belfast's Balmoral market on May 21.

Philip Manning, of west Belfast, who appeared at Belfast magistrates' court, is also accused of attempting to murder two soldiers last month with an improvised grenade, possessing firearms with intent to endanger life, and with conspiracy to murder persons unknown in Bangor, Co Down, and with IRA membership.

Investigators called in by legal firm

One of the country's leading legal firms specialising in trade union and radical work has called in the Law Society's investigators to examine the firm amid reports of a financial collapse put at up to £1 million.

Yesterday partners at Seifert Sedley Williams, based in Holborn, central London, were said to be unavailable for comment about their firm which has represented the NUM, the TGWU, and other unions as well as clients in the entertainment world and left-wing causes.

Mavis Fairhurst of the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau confirmed that an investigation had been started. She said: "At their request we are doing an investigation and as far as I am aware the firm is still operating."

Officials of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, which represents about half the 90 staff at the firm, said staff were told of difficulties last month.

Athlete fined

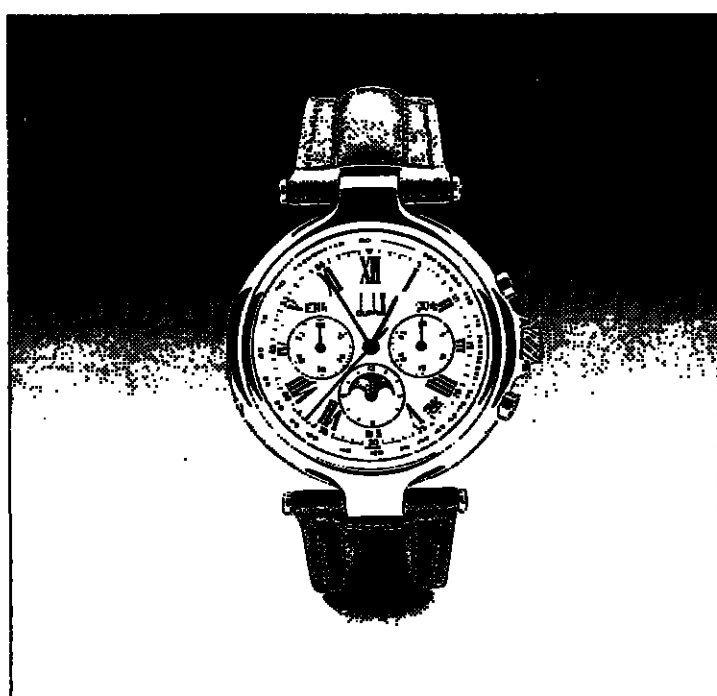
The Scottish athlete Liz McColgan was fined £250 at Perth sheriff's court yesterday after admitting having driven at 100mph as she returned home from a competition in Exeter. McColgan, aged 27, of Arbroath, the middle distance runner selected for the British team in next month's world championships in Tokyo, also had her licence endorsed with three penalty points.

Libel victory

Kathy Birks, aged 47, the former Canadian agent of Captain Mark Phillips, won a double libel damages claim in the High Court yesterday over newspaper allegations of an affair with him. The "large sums" were awarded against *The Sun* and *News of the World*, which have also agreed to pay her costs. A similar settlement was made last week involving the *Sunday Mirror* and *The People*.

Leader draws

Susan Arkell, Britain's top-ranked female player, who surprisingly beat grand master David Norwood in Monday's first round of the British chess championship in the 'Winter Gardens', Eastbourne, drew yesterday with D. Agnos. Only Hodgson, Hebden, Wells and McDonald have the maximum two points after two of the eleven rounds to be played.



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Tories reject a PR flirtation

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Conservatives yesterday ruled out a flirtation with proportional representation in a hung Parliament and rejected the idea of a bill of rights. The positions were stated at a press conference called by Chris Patten, party chairman, to announce what the government would not be doing on the constitution. The

Tories attacked Labour's plans for constitutional reform — including Scottish and Welsh assemblies, ten regional assemblies and a "strategic body" for London — as a "bureaucratic diversion based on political expediency" which would cost a minimum £330 million.

Labour's deputy leader, Roy Hattersley, said the Conservatives were bankrupt of ideas on constitutional

reform. John Patten, Home Office minister of state, said that there was no evidence a bill of rights would offer significantly increased protection to citizens.

Robert Maclean, the Liberal Democrats' home affairs spokesman, said that the Tories and the Labour party should stop playing ping-pong with the British electorate and accept "a fair voting system and constitutional reforms".

Why corporate fitness fails to work

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

EAT your heart out, Jane Fonda. A research project in the Netherlands has shown that fitness has no effect on people's ability to resist the stresses of ordinary life.

The results suggest that corporate fitness programmes aimed at creating lean, mean decision-makers who can shrug off the stresses of business life are more or less a waste of time. Exercise makes you no more able to resist stress.

This conclusion came as a disappointing surprise to a researcher who carried out the work, Eco de Geus of the Psychosomy Unit at the Free university of Amsterdam. He began with the assumption that a fit person would have greater psychological resis-

tance to stress, and a smaller physiological response to it.

"Fit people always say 'I feel great'," Mr de Geus says. "But if you do proper tests, it is impossible to find any real psychological change." He began with a group of volunteers who had no record of taking part in any sport, and so were typical of unfit people. They were put through training programmes lasting up to eight months, concentrating on exercises such as running designed to improve their endurance capacity. A control group was allowed to continue in its couch-potato lifestyle.

Response to stress was tested in various ways. In the laboratory, work stresses were simulated by doing simple

video games, which were basically tests of reaction times, in groups of four. Each member of the group knew that if he succeeded in the tests he would win himself and every other member of his group a bonus of 500 guilders (£145).

Heart rates and blood pressures were also measured during real work, and at home at weekends. Psychological attitudes were tested. The result, says Mr de Geus, was that there was simply no change. Heart rate and blood pressure increased, and stress hormones were produced, to exactly the same degree in the fit or the unfit. "Training does not appear to change either the subjective experience of stress, nor the acute physical reactions to it," he says.

By DAVID YOUNG

£1m award for boy hit by motorbike

By TIM JONES

Police gear up to tackle battering ram raid gangs

Recently a 70-strong team was set up in Northumbria to track down the gangs and Sir Stanley said it was achieving a 25 per cent detection rate. Earlier this year police in Operation Jugular arrested 14 men in connection with the thefts of high powered cars for use in the raids.

By RAY CLANCY

Fifth man freed in crime squad case

By CRAIG SETON

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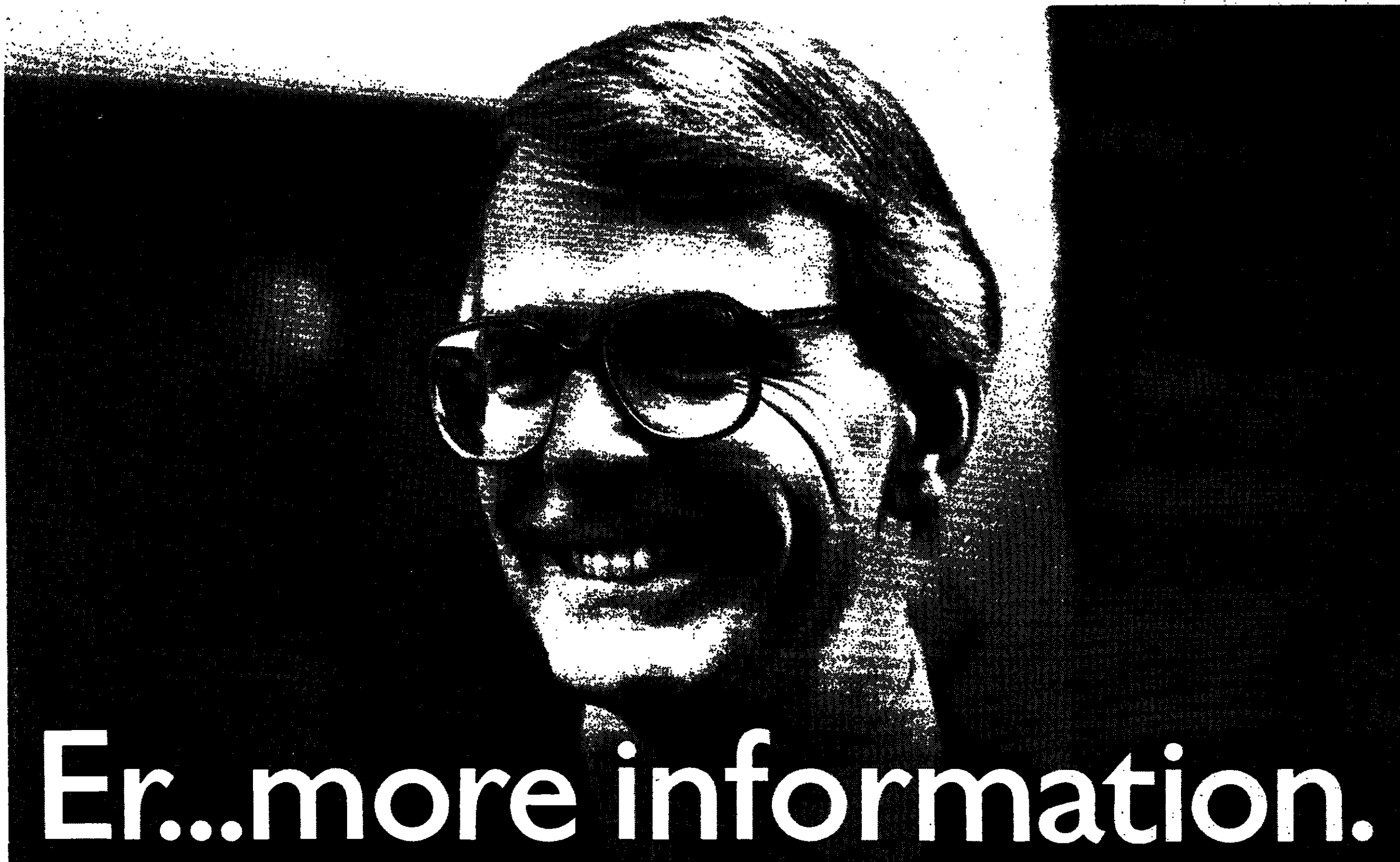
RAISING THE STANDARD

Scottish campaign to stop spread of dog fights

By KERRY GILL

The confidential information line number is: 031 225 9009.

Mr. Major's big idea on dilapidated schools, overcrowded classrooms, and shortage of books.



When it comes to education Mr. Major's new Charter gives parents the right to information.

Information on how their children are progressing.
Information on how their schools are performing.
Information on how schools compare to each other.

But no information on how the real problems of education can be cured.

Instead of employing more teachers in order to reduce the number of children per class, the Charter proposes to burden existing teachers with the job of collecting the promised information.

Instead of providing much needed school books, money will be spent on publishing this information.

Instead of repairing dilapidated school buildings, Mr. Major's new regime will be papering over the cracks.

Yet you don't need a lot of 'O' levels to understand that the information which comes out of our education system is heavily qualified by what is put into it.

A Charter that was truly concerned with raising education standards would begin by guaranteeing that the necessary resources are made available. It would then make these guarantees enforceable in law.

Parents rights should include limits on class sizes for their children.

They should have the right to provision of books and equipment in schools to an agreed and adequate level.

They should have the right to enough teachers and support staff to meet their children's needs.

They should be able to send their children to school knowing the buildings comply to guaranteed standards.

It is only when parents have been given all these rights, that the right to information will make any sense.



The National Union of Teachers.

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Schools will be given £75m to hire inspection teams

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STATE schools will be given a total of £75 million a year under the citizen's charter to buy in inspection teams and open the education system to public scrutiny, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said yesterday.

He said details of the parents' charter will be released in September. Independent schools will be ranked with local authority and grant-maintained schools in league tables sent to parents and published in local newspapers. Annual reports to parents giving children's places in class will become compulsory.

School governors will be able to choose their inspection teams, but lay members must be included.

The £75 million cost will be transferred from local education authority budgets to the schools. State schools will buy in inspection teams with grants of up to £2,500 and private firms will be allowed to compete for the work of checking on pupils' standards.

Mr Clarke said that the new information available to parents would highlight the best state schools, revealing that some inner city schools were overcoming their environ-

ment while others in leafy suburbs were not performing as well as they should.

Mr Clarke admitted that this summer's tests for pupils aged seven had been too complex and time-consuming, and promised changes next year, but he defended the tests' usefulness. Inspectors' research showed that a third of pupils achieved results different from their teachers' expectations, he said. Most had been underestimated. The tests had not been successful and had overrun in some cases because children had enjoyed them so much.

Mr Clarke promised reform of teacher training courses in the autumn to ensure that students spent as much time as possible in schools. "Sadly, some of the siltier teacher training courses still seem to be around," he said.

The charter was welcomed by Peter Dawson, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, whose Liverpool conference Mr Clarke was addressing. He said: "We are against secretiveness in education. Any school which fears to publish exam results or truancy rates is obviously a school in trouble. Education is about people

telling the truth. Let's have more of it."

Other teachers' leaders were more critical. Peter Smith, general secretary of the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association, predicted cosy relationships between governors and the privatised inspection organisations. He would worry if Her Majesty's inspectorate ceased to inspect schools because the gap between Whitehall and the smallest primaries would widen further.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Kenneth Clarke's determination to bring in those who know nothing about education but who will see it as a Marks and Spencer store is deplorable. They may identify problems, but the government won't provide the money to rectify them."

Derek Fatchett, a Labour education spokesman, said that the new system represented a cheap and nasty way of carrying out a school's inspection. He claimed that the proposals were a pale version of Labour's education standards commission without its rigorous system of quality control.



Under cover: the Princess of Wales wearing protective gear on a visit yesterday to a chemical plant in Wrexham, Clwyd. She received two hard hats and sets of golf balls for her sons in a reference to Prince William's recent golfing accident

BT to put up cost of telephone line rental

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Telecom will announce new charges for telephone calls tomorrow. The revised rates are expected to include increases in line rental charges and a cut in the cost of international calls.

They have been drawn up following agreement between BT and its regulatory body, Ofcom, on terms for BT's operating licence.

BT was to have cut the price of international calls by 10 per cent from June 10 but the cut was delayed by a wrangle over licence terms.

Overall, BT's new prices are likely to show little or no increase, despite inflation in the year to June of 5.8 per cent. However, BT is expected to take advantage of licence provisions which allow it to increase line rental charges by inflation plus two per cent.

BT argues that rental charges fail to reflect the full cost of maintaining lines, and that it has to subsidise 17.5 million domestic subscribers from charges to business.

Mercury Communications yesterday announced plans for its own freephone service to challenge BT's 0800 service.

Information parents can expect from the charter

THE citizen's charter will put parents on an equal footing with teachers, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, claimed yesterday.

Parents will receive information on a range of topics. They include:

School reports: all schools will have to follow the practice already adopted by the majority, providing parents with at least an annual assessment of a child's performance. Schools will be able to use their own format, but children will have to be placed against others in the class. Information will also be provided on local and national average performances for the age group.

Inspection: teams of inspectors selected by schools from the public or private sector will publish reports every three to four years. Parents will receive copies, together with governors' reports on follow-up action from previous inspections. The inspection teams will

have to include people from outside education and will need national accreditation, probably from a reformed version of Her Majesty's Inspectorate. Mr Clarke said that anyone could set up an inspectors' team as long as they had a "stamp of approval". Details of the new inspection system will be published in next month's HMI review.

League tables: parents will be sent league tables of the performance of all schools in their area, which will also be published in local newspapers. Public examination results and truancy rates will be included immediately, and national curriculum scores and pupils' destinations on leaving the school will be added later.

The tables will include private schools, city technology colleges and grant-maintained schools. Local authorities may be asked to compile the tables themselves. There will be no allowances made for differing catchment areas.

Tenants win new rights guarantee

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSING association tenants are to have enhanced rights to information from their landlord from October as part of the citizen's charter, the Housing Corporation announced yesterday.

The rights are in a new version of the corporation's tenants' guarantee, under which associations will have to provide information on their performance as landlords, including the level of rents, success in rent collection and information about empty properties and how quickly they relet them. From October 1992 housing associations will have to give information on how quickly they carry out repairs, and they are also charged with consulting tenants about proposed changes in the way homes are managed and maintained.

Anthony Mayer, the corporation's chief executive, said that the improved tenants' guarantee would help people to evaluate the services they were getting. In turn that would help associations to ensure that the service they offered remained at a high standard.

The revised guarantee was

launched when the corporation published its annual report, which shows that it funded the building of 22,000 homes for rent and sale for those in need during 1990-91 in a spending programme of £1.1 billion. Of the total, 19,843 homes were for rent, while 52 per cent of all schemes approved were for homeless people, against 35 per cent the previous year.

The corporation spent 99.9 per cent of its budget, re-establishing spending control after overspending the previous year after the introduction of a new financial regime. This year the corporation has funds of more than £1.5 billion that will rise to £2 billion in 1993-4, enabling it to build 40,000 homes a year.

With potential investment of £7.5 billion of public and private money over the next three years, the corporation expects to approve the building of 130,000 homes. To fund the work of the housing associations in addition to government funding, the corporation is looking for private sector loans of about £2.2 billion over three years.

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For sale: an island full of history

By KERRY GILL

AN ISLAND off the west coast of Scotland, whose past is steeped in Celtic history and mystery, is up for sale for the price of a detached house on the fringes of London, albeit with rather less shelter from the elements.

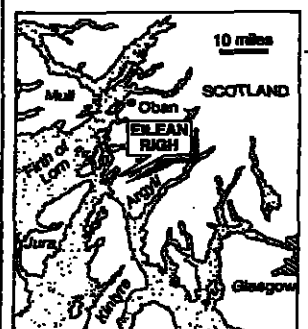
Eilean Rìgh, or the King's Island, lies in Loch Craignish, a sea loch that

private jetty and an anchorage which can be reached within about 30 minutes from the mainland. Human shelter is confined to two cottages, one grandly known as The Square, used for holidays by Eilean Rìgh's family owners and both are in need of refurbishment.

Charles Dudgeon, of Savills, the selling agents, said the island enjoyed unparalleled views of surrounding sea and the three conical, rugged Paps of Jura to the south. Seals visit the isle, which has its own wild mussel beds.

Stones bear testimony to ancient civilisation as cup and ring marks have been found, and there are traces of an old fort in the centre of the island. The remains of a Buddhist temple can be found on Eilean Rìgh. It was built for Sir Reginald Johnson, a former owner and tutor to the last Chinese emperor.

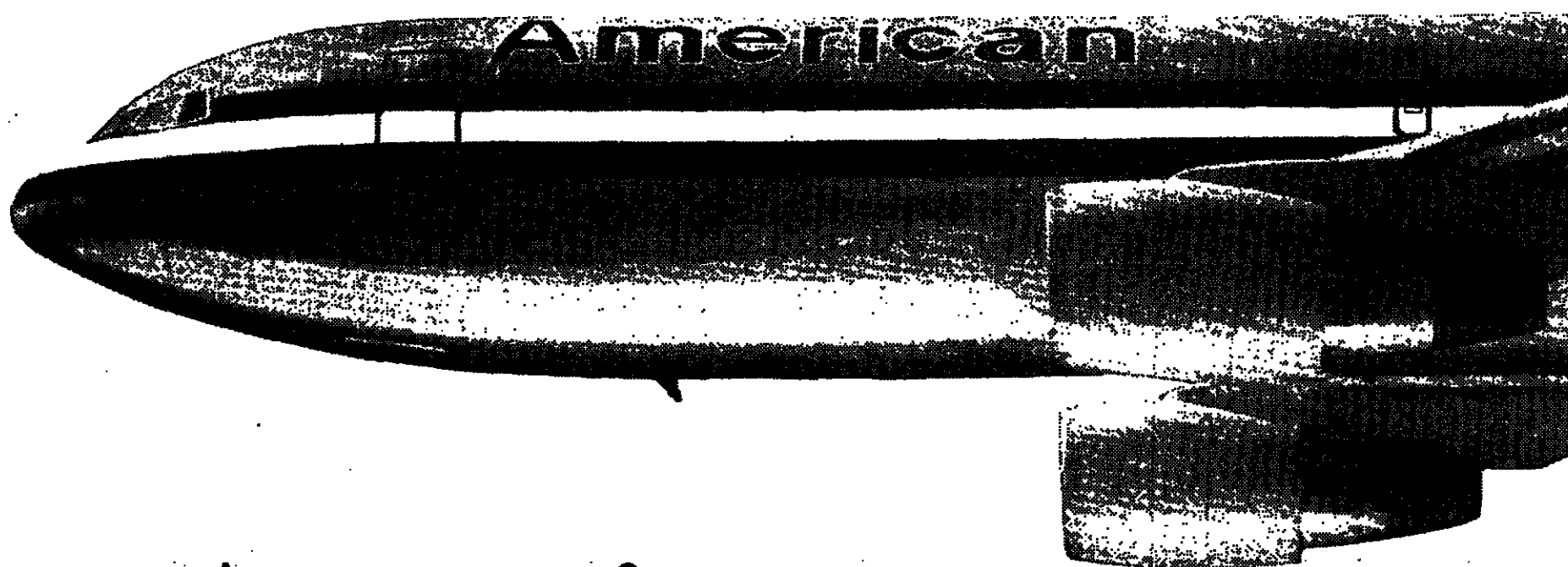
Mr Dudgeon said he was confident of achieving the asking price, as Eilean Rìgh was easily accessible yet offered complete privacy in the relatively warm waters of the Gulf Stream.



opens into the Sound of Jura off the wild Ards peninsula. No one knows the origin of its title, although the area was once within the ancient kingdom of Dalriada, whose capital, Dunadd, lay several miles to the south. It is also known as the goat island, being home to a wild herd.

The 270-acre island, which is expected to sell for more than £250,000, has a

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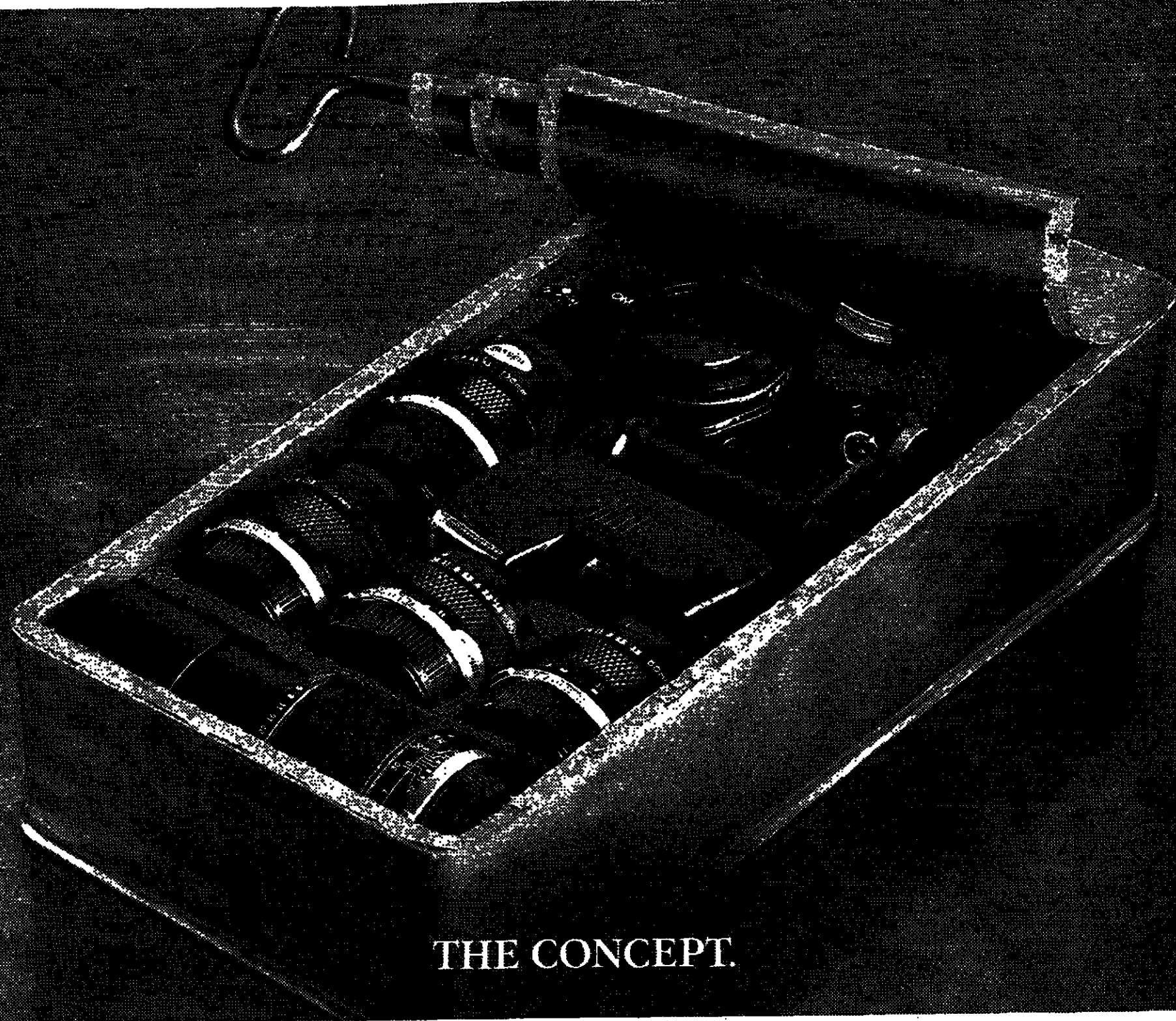
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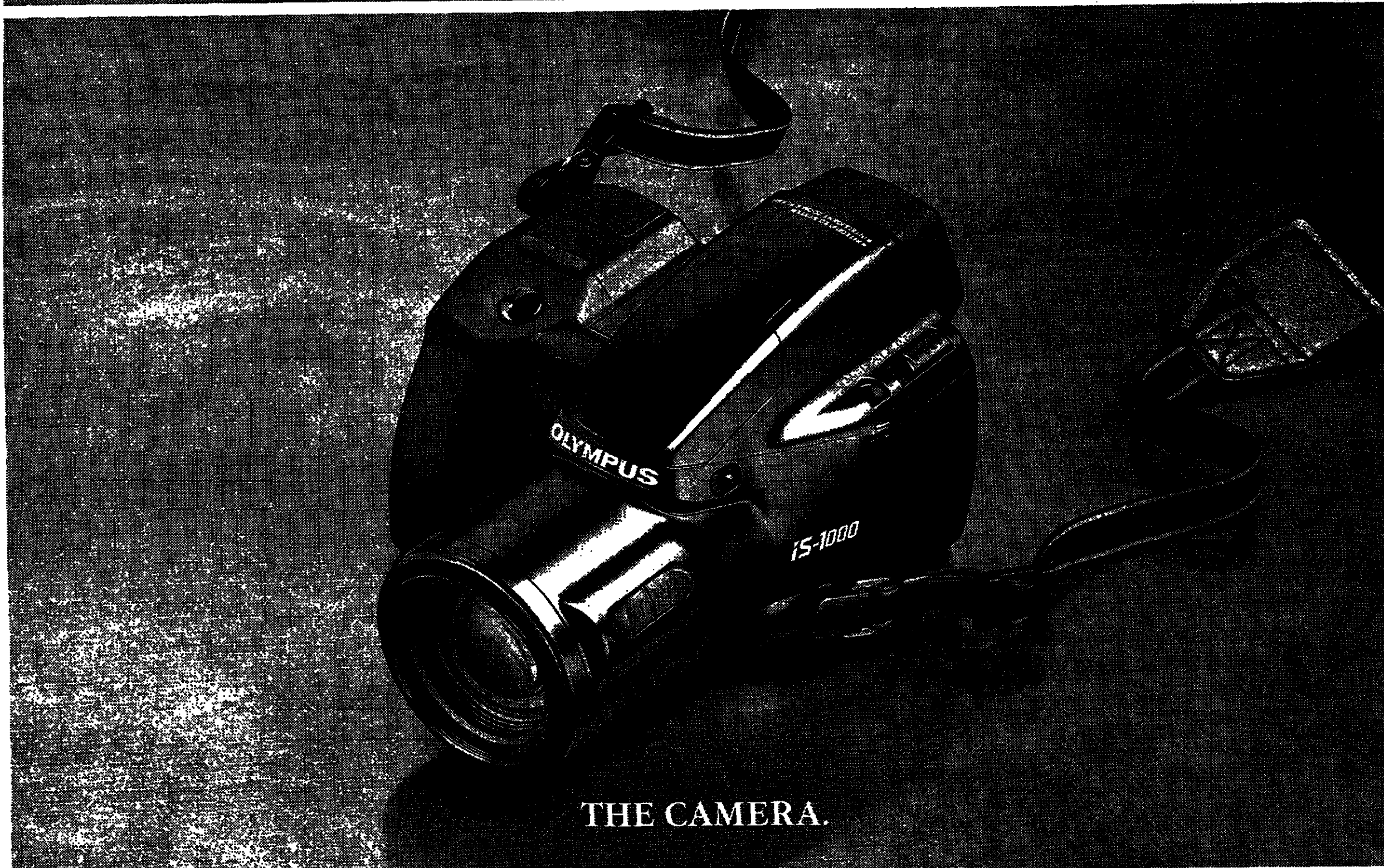
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The list of on-board equipment is as long as your

arm. Altogether, Olympus have built nearly £1,000 worth of accessories into a camera that sells for around £350.

Yet it weighs just 31 ounces, prompting Practical Photography to say "Olympus have done supremely well to cram so much into such a lightweight and compact camera."

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Hospitals told not to answer Labour queries over trusts

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS applying for trust status have been advised not to reply to a series of questions from Robin Cook, Opposition health spokesman, until they have been told what to say by William Waldegrave, the health secretary.

Earlier this month Mr Cook sent a letter with ten questions to would-be trusts, enquiring about their proposed consultation exercise. Managers were asked if they would publish a business plan, whether the plan would require job losses to achieve its

financial targets, and whether national pay awards would be honoured.

However, hospitals in South-East Thames region were told last week that the NHS trusts unit at the health department was seeking advice from Mr Waldegrave about how to respond. "In the meantime if you have not yet replied to Robin Cook, you may wish to postpone doing so, pending further advice, either direct from the trusts unit or from ourselves at region," says the letter from Keith Fowler, the regional co-

ordinator. Yesterday in a letter defending his department's stand, Mr Waldegrave told Mr Cook that the project managers had asked for advice because "they could not answer the questions you asked them". His officials sought only to advise them on how they might approach the questions, rather than tell them what to say, Mr Waldegrave said.

He accused Mr Cook of asking confusing questions and mixing up the ideas of business plans and financial summaries. Many of the questions could not be answered until the trusts had been approved. "So you can see that it is only fair to reassure project managers that they are under no obligation to seek to answer impossible questions."

At a press conference yesterday Mr Cook said that replies to his survey had slowed to a trickle since the guidance from the health department. "Now we learn that trust managers cannot even answer their correspondence without a draft reply from the health department."

However, his analysis of 45 respondents out of 107 trust applicants showed that three out of four applicants were refusing to publish their business plans. Many said that a decision to publish would be taken after the applications had been approved. Several said their business plans contained commercial details which would benefit competitors if they were made public.

"Secrecy is part of the price we have to pay for running our hospitals as commercial businesses," Mr Cook said.

Only one in three applicants have had business plans checked by independent financial consultants even though a number of financial plans for first-wave hospitals were too ambitious.

Only two applicants had committed their trusts to meet in public more than once a year and many showed little enthusiasm for consulting with community health councils.

"This survey confirms that the problems of opting out will be as great with the second wave as they were with the first wave," Mr Cook said.

Earlier, Harriet Harman, shadow health minister, led a delegation to the health department to press ministers to refuse an application for King's College hospital to become a trust in the second wave.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, accused Mr Cook of producing "this usual stale package of recycled stories from the chamber of horrors which exists in his mind".

Another hundred apply to opt out

MORE than 110 hospitals and community units have applied to become self governing from April 1992 to form the second wave of NHS trusts (Jill Sherman writes). The final tally is expected to be announced by William Waldegrave next week.

Last month 104 applicants had sent in submissions (see list) but further units have recently been added. If all are approved they would, with the 57 existing trusts, account for 35 per cent of the NHS budget and 25.5 million people would receive part of their health care from NHS trusts.

Only three of the nine hospitals which were not approved as trusts, have decided not to reapply this year.

The largest single group of applicants are general acute units, including two more London teaching hospitals, St Mary's Paddington, and Kings College Hospital.

The list is:

Northampton: Cleveland Amb Serv; Gateshead: Crampton Unit; Northgate Hosp; Northumberland: Serv; Darlington: (NW) Durham Hosp & Community Unit; N Tames Acute & Comm Serv; Royal Victoria Infirmary; and Dental Hosp; Newcastle: S Tames Acute Hosp Serv.

Yorkshire: Alfreton: Hth Serv; Bradford: Hth Serv; Huddersfield: Hth Serv; Harrogate: Hth Serv; Scarborough: Hth Serv; York: Hth Serv.

Trent: Barnsley: Comm & Priority Serv; City: Hth Serv; Nottingham: Comm Unit; Middlesbrough: Hth Serv; S Lincs Mental Handicap Serv; Cent: Sheffield: University Hosp; S Yorks: Merit Hosp; Sheffield: West Park Hosp; Sheffield: Bassett-Lewell Hosp & Comm Serv; Children's: Hosp Sheffield; Doncaster: Priority & Dental Hosp; East Anglia: Alington (E Suffolk) Comm Unit; Huntingdon: Acute; Huntingdon: Hosp; King's Lynn & Wisbech (QE2) Hosp.

NW Thames: Barnet: Comm Hth Serv; Welwyn: (Barnet & Edgware) Hosp; Ealing: Acute Hosp; East Herts: Hth Serv; Haringey: Priority & Comm Serv; Northwick Park Hosp; Harrow: Acute Unit; Harrow: Comm Serv; Haringdon: Comm Hth Unit;

A robber sees error of ways

PAUL Dunworth, a building worker, astounded detectives by confessing to a string of armed robberies going back five years, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

There would have been "no chance at all" of Dunworth being charged with the crimes if he had not given himself up, Det Sgt Keith Heider of the Flying Squad said.

Mr Justice Wright jailed Dunworth for six years and told him: "Your quite exceptional conduct is only consistent with a change of heart of fundamental magnitude. Yours is a remarkable story. I am satisfied that your criminal career is over."

Peter Feinberg, for Dunworth, said he could have expected a sentence of up to 15 years. "What makes this a wholly exceptional case for leniency is that he provided all the evidence against himself."

Dunworth, aged 35, of Willesden, northwest London, admitted robberies of security vans in May and July 1986, in June 1987 and May 1990. The total haul was more than £52,000. He was recruited for the raids as a "muscle man". The two men who planned them carried firearms and are still at large.

Kim Halsall, for the prosecution, said that Dunworth walked into Kingsbury police station and said: "I want to clear your crime books of some outstanding jobs. I want to tell you about the armed robberies I've been involved in. I didn't hurt anyone on them and I want to surrender to clear my conscience." Later he told detectives: "I want to be good in future instead of bad and ugly. All the money I got as my cut was spent quickly on high living, drink and betting."

Meacher pledges to end benefit penalty

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party pledged yesterday to repeal a key part of the Child Support Act, which penalises single mothers who refuse to name absent fathers.

Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, said that the penalty would cut benefits paid to single parents by £8 a week, forcing many of them to live below the poverty line.

Under the act, aimed at making absent fathers pay maintenance for their children, mothers who refuse to name their former partner face a cut in their weekly benefit. Promising to remove the penalty, Mr Meacher said:

"It is impossible for such a large deduction to be made without harming the child, forcing them to live below the poverty line, and that alone should be a decisive reason to abolish it. The government has admitted that savings to the taxpayer will be insignificant, showing there is little reason to retain it."

Mr Meacher added that Labour would replace the penalty with a cash incentive for mothers who named the absent father. He said Labour would also change the formula for making absent fathers pay maintenance by ensuring that it was less closely linked to levels of income support.

Pedestrians resurface to win back city centre from the car



Light at the end: £50 million plan will fill in underpasses such as this one at New Street station and bring people to the surface again to tree-lined boulevards

THE people of Birmingham may soon emerge blinking into the sunlight from the numerous pedestrian subways that bedevil the city centre and walk instead along wide boulevards lined with trees.

A ten-year £50 million scheme proposed by the city council is designed to release the central shopping area from the concrete grip of the 1960s inner ring road, which gave priority on the surface to cars and forced pedestrians into dingy underground walkways.

The ring-road became an unnatural barrier that cut the city centre off from other quarters, including Chinatown and the Jewellery Quarter, which are to be made more accessible to pedestrians.

Birmingham is redesigning the Bull Ring to replace underpasses with walkways, reports Craig Seton

the Bull Ring. It also allowed traffic to move speedily from one part of Birmingham to another.

Now the Bull Ring is to be bulldozed and replaced by a £500 million shopping centre, and the city council is putting the finishing touches to a scheme that will lower the ring road at key locations to break the "concrete collar" and make way for new roads and walkways to be constructed at surface level. Two sections of the ring road, where it passes both Chinatown and the Jewellery Quarter, will incorporate new, wide areas of pavement, which will be lined with trees.

Fred Chapman, chairman of the committee that has

worked for three years on the plan, said: "The ring road has been very successful in moving cars, but it is daunting for pedestrians to get across. It put cars on top and people underneath. We are talking about filling in the underpasses and bringing people up to the surface again."

He said that giving Birmingham city centre back to the pedestrian was an important part of its ambitions to become recognised as an international business centre, where visitors could promenade and shop at leisure without having to use unattractive subways and underpasses.

The scheme was foreshadowed when the city council spent £3 million lowering the inner ring road at Paradise Circus and building a new link between the city centre and the new International Convention Centre in Broad Street, which opened earlier this year.

Widow in cottage fraud

A widow aged 64 was defrauded of £62,000 by two men who pretended they were buying a Dorset retirement cottage on her behalf. Mrs Joyce Forgive of Chelmsford, Essex, waited in vain for a removal van to take her to the non-existent property.

Wilfred Hussey, aged 33, of Parkstone, Dorset, and Terence Caulfield, aged 44, of Holborn, central London, were each jailed for three years at Chelmsford crown court yesterday after admitting conspiring to deceive. Mrs Forgive's daughter, Sally Manning, aged 41, of Chelmsford, admitted dishonestly handling £1,500 and was remanded on bail for social inquiry reports.

Hatton on bail

Derek Hatton, the former Liverpool city council deputy leader, was remanded on bail charged with conspiracy to defraud ratepayers. The former Mersey Labour councillor and three other men appeared at the city's magistrates' court on charges relating to land deals during and after his time as deputy leader.

Syringes alert

A police and health investigation was launched after thousands of used hypodermic needles and bottles of blood, which had apparently fallen from a lorry, were found littering the M6 near Killington Lake service station, Cumbria. Police said: "The dangers of contracting Aids and hepatitis are very real."

Man accused

An unemployed man aged 30 was remanded in custody until August 6 on two charges of attempted murder and five motoring offences by Weymouth magistrates. The hearing follows an incident on Sunday when two children were allegedly doused in petrol and driven across southern Dorset, pursued by police.

Thatcher post

Mrs Thatcher was appointed as the next chancellor of Buckingham University, Britain's only privately funded university. The former prime minister, who spoke at its opening ceremony in 1976, will succeed Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone next year.

Clean away

A hand-embroidered flag of the Queen's Dragoon Guards, bearing the motto "Death or Glory" and said to be the only one of its kind, was stolen with army clothing in a burglary on a laundry at Somerton, Somerset.



As it is: Ken Scott, custodian of Dover Castle, inspects the military telephone exchange recreated on its underground site below the castle



As it was: switchboard operators on duty at the 24-hour exchange during the war

Wartime telephone front line reopens

By JOHN YOUNG

A SECOND world war military telephone exchange, buried in a complex of tunnels known as Hellfire Corner in the cliffs below Dover castle, will be officially opened to the public today by Mike Bett, chairman of British Telecom.

The tunnels complex was constructed after the evacuation of Dunkirk demonstrated an urgent need for better communications.

Known as Military Exchange East, it was the largest of six exchanges which served combined headquarters during the

remainder of the war. It consisted of 12 switchboards which could connect 120 outside lines with up to 600 extensions, and provided a link with other military sites and with the command centres in Whitehall, including the cabinet war rooms. The exchange has been recreated with equipment retrieved from around the country.

The tunnels are named after the stretch of coastline around Dover which was mercilessly pounded by aircraft and artillery during the early part of the war.

Fire kills woman on army exercise

A WOMAN member of a university cadet force was killed and six other people were injured when fire swept through a training building on army land at Longmoor near Bordon, Hampshire, as a military exercise was taking place early yesterday.

The woman, who was a university student and believed to be in her 20s, came from the Midlands. She and the six others were taking part in an all-night training exercise in a mock village on the camp, the defence ministry said.

She was unable to escape when fire started in the building. The other six were treated in hospital for the effects of smoke inhalation, but only one was detained.

The woman was found in the gutted shell of a semi-detached house used for fire-bomb training.

Major Mike Gorliden, southeast district army spokesman, said that the exercise spanned two or three days. It involved army cadets from all over the country.

The Longmoor Camp training centre is used for urban warfare fighting and pyrotechnic devices are used to simulate fire bombs. An army board of enquiry was set up last night to investigate the student's death. Her parents are believed to be on holiday and her identity is being withheld until relatives have been told of the accident.

Cot death risk 'higher if babies sleep face down'

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS can reduce the risks of cot deaths by not putting their babies face downwards to sleep, researchers told an international conference yesterday.

Doctors investigating the causes of cot deaths, or sudden infant death syndrome called for a public health programme to educate parents about the risk to infants from sleeping on their stomachs.

"Such a programme could save thousands of lives world-

wide," Terence Dwyer, of the Menzies Centre for Population Health Research at Tasmania university, told delegates at the meeting in Canberra, Australia.

Professor Dwyer and colleagues studied more than 3,000 babies. The results, published in *The Lancet* last May, suggested that the prone sleeping position increases the risks of cot death.

The risk was "three times or more greater than for infants

placed on their side or on their back," he said yesterday. The sleeping position was not the only cause of the syndrome, but it appeared to be a significant factor, he said.

Other studies in New Zealand and the Netherlands have indicated that cot death rates decrease when babies are placed on their sides or on their backs.

In Britain, Sir Donald Acheson, the government's chief medical officer, said last month that in view of the Australian findings and other evidence, he felt parents who were worried should place their babies on their sides. Babies lying on their backs might inhale their own vomit, he said.

About 1,500 cot deaths occur in Britain annually. An expert group set up by Sir Donald is investigating the theory that some babies lying prone might be endangered by inhaling micro-organisms in the mattresses of their cots.

This theory was supported by a group of British and Australian researchers in *The Lancet* last week. "In the context of the prone sleeping position, a child lying directly exposed to its own secretions might be experiencing continuous exposure to pathogenic host bacteria," they said.

Researchers emphasise that many other factors may contribute to cot deaths. These include prematurity and low birthweight, respiratory infections and lung abnormalities.

Five-year assessments urged for obstetricians

By OUR SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

OBSTETRICIANS should be "recertified" every five years to ensure that they are up to date with the latest methods of treatment, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has recommended.

The college suggests that its members should lose their specialist registration with the General Medical Council if they fail to take regular additional courses while they are still practising.

The council has introduced a new category this year for registration purposes. All doctors need to be registered with the GMC to practise in this country.

Until now, entry has not specified whether the doctor has completed specialist training in any area. In future,

however, details about each doctor's specialism will be entered on the register, allowing both patients and GPs to check whether consultants have appropriate qualifications.

Under the royal college's proposal the "specialist" entry would be removed if doctors failed to keep up with the latest research, through a continuing education programme. Specialist accreditation should be time limited and dependent on five yearly recertification, the report says.

Doctors would have to clock up a number of points over the five years by attending courses, meetings or taking part in other areas of post graduate training.

Senators deliver missiles defence blow for summit

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS PRESIDENT Bush and President Gorbachev sign the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) treaty in Moscow today, the American Senate will be preparing to vote on a startling new measure that threatens not only to undercut that agreement but also to destroy the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty.

German spy trial halted

Karlsruhe, Germany — A court yesterday blocked post-conviction Germany's first important trial of former East German spies, ruling that it was unfair to prosecute them for the type of cloak-and-dagger work that is still carried out by Western agents.

The Berlin regional court in proceedings against five former leading East German intelligence agents, justice officials said. It asked the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe to decide whether East German spies could be prosecuted for acts which were legal at the time under East German laws.

The court argued that punishing Eastern spies for doing the same job still carried out by Western spies violated a fairness clause in the West German constitution, which was applied to all of Germany since it was reunified last October.

The Berlin court acted on a notion filed by the defence lawyer for East Germany's last foreign espionage chief, Werner Grossmann, aged 62, who was charged with high treason and espionage for directing a spy network with thousands of agents. (Reuters)

Flood toll rises

Bacau — More than 100 people are now feared dead after two days in which the worst flooding on record devastated much of this north-eastern Romanian region, officials said. The floods struck 17 villages, swept away 548 homes and submerged 1,747, making 13,120 people homeless. (Reuters)

Britons jailed

Lille — Two Britons have been jailed for four years for importing cocaine into France. Martin Crawshaw, aged 34, from Manchester, and David Thomas, aged 45, of Brighton, were caught at the Reckem border crossing from Belgium after buying the drug in the Netherlands. (AFP)

Ecstasy haul

Paris — A laboratory near Paris which was making ecstasy and amphetamines is the largest ever discovered in Europe, the police announced. In a raid on the laboratory in Champigny-sur-Marne on Friday, 1.8 litres of ecstasy valued at more than £500,000 was seized. There were three arrests.

Job losses hit the freedom factory

From PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

MORE than 12,000 employees of the state-owned Ursus tractor factory — a symbol of Poland's long struggle for freedom from communist rule — will be laid off indefinitely from Monday because of the enterprise's disastrous financials, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

Elzbieta Olech said layoffs would affect the 9,000 workers at the main Ursus plant outside Warsaw, plus 3,000 workers in several related offices and at the Ursus metallurgical enterprise in Lublin. Both white-collar and blue-collar workers are affected, she said.

Ursus managers say that they have no money to pay the July wages and want to halt production for a few months. But the plant does not have the 15 billion zloties (about \$800,000) needed to service a temporary shutdown. Nor can it pay its bills — the electricity may be cut off on Sunday.

Janusz Sciskalski, the Solidarity leader at the Ursus plant, said that the union may

ment" sensors, from 1996. That would be incompatible with the ABM treaty, so the measure calls on Mr Bush to begin immediate negotiations with the Soviet Union to amend that treaty.

If, by May 1994, those negotiations had been unsuccessful, America should "consider the options" available to it under the treaty. They include unilateral abrogation after six months' notice, a move that would be likely to prompt Moscow to withdraw from a strategic arms treaty.

The measure was devised jointly by Sam Nunn, the Democratic chairman of the armed services committee, and John Warner, its senior Republican. The committee's 16-to-4 vote in favour on July 17 signalled a fundamental change in attitude on Capitol Hill towards the administration's strategic defence initiative (SDI) programme prompted by the Gulf war.

Before then Congress had always insisted on strict American adherence to the ABM treaty, which permits the development, but not the testing, of missile defences. Supporters of the Nunn-Warner measure argue that, while the threat has faded of a deliberate all-out Soviet nuclear attack, there is an increasing danger of a smaller ballistic attack by a Third World country, such as Iraq or by disaffected Soviet hard-liners. The performance of the Patriot missile against Iraqi Scuds has simultaneously revived popular support for an anti-missile defence system.

Arms control advocates are appalled. They argue that by banning large-scale missile defences, the hallowed ABM treaty has for 20 years ensured that either superpower could retaliate against a first strike by the other, thereby preserving the principle of nuclear deterrence or mutually assured destruction.

The Nunn-Warner approach could fatally weaken the ABM treaty, undercut a Start treaty and prevent follow-on arms reductions, as well as triggering a new arms race, a statement issued by the Washington-based Arms Con-

trol Association said. It would be like amending prohibition to permit the sale of liquor, Gerard Smith, the chief American negotiator of the ABM treaty, said.

The measure specifically calls for the deployment of 100 land-based interceptor missiles at a single site in Grand Forks, North Dakota, by 1996 at a cost of nearly \$11 billion (£6.57 million). The ABM treaty permits one limited site of that nature.

However, the measure also envisages the deployment of a further 1,000 interceptors, backed by space-based sensors, at another six sites around the country after 1996, at an additional cost of \$25 billion. As the first site would protect only a small part of the country, proponents apparently believe that the rest of the nation will be demanding similar protection by 1996, thereby providing a constituency for withdrawing from the ABM treaty if it cannot be renegotiated.

The measure caught the administration by surprise, and so far neither it nor Moscow has commented publicly. Its supporters, however, argue that it would be in Moscow's interests to renegotiate the treaty because the Soviet Union is closer than the US to most of the emerging Third World missile threats. According to the CIA, up to 20 developing countries by the year 2000. Apart from challenging the ABM treaty, the measure would also dictate a pronounced change of direction in the eight-year-old SDI programme, shifting the emphasis from costly space-based weapons to cheaper land-based missile defences.

Mr Nunn calls the measure a "major breakthrough on SDI", while Mr Warner said the approval of the armed services committee was an historic decision. The full Senate vote will come this week, possibly today, and Senator Al Gore, a leading opponent of the measure, has predicted an uphill fight to defeat it. It would then have to be passed by the House, which has hitherto been hostile to SDI in any form.



Nothing to hide: President Bush greeting President Gorbachev at the start of their summit talks in the Kremlin in Moscow yesterday

Bushes meet a master of getting rich under socialism

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

THE Gorbachevs and the Bushes took some time off yesterday to visit an artist's studio. But, in contrast to many of the premises occupied by bohemian Muscovites, the workshop of Zurab Tsereteli presents no danger of crashing through a rotten floorboard or being showered with plaster from a hole in the ceiling.

Mr Tsereteli, aged 57, exemplifies several things about his fellow Georgians: prodigious artistic talent, finely honed political instincts and an ability to accumulate wealth under almost any economic system.

He and President and Mrs Barbara Bush had plenty to talk about, since he is currently working on a 360-foot high monument that will be put up in New York to mark next year's 500th anniversary of the voyage of Christopher Columbus. Mr Tsereteli has contributed one landmark to Manhattan already: a statue of St George slaying the dragon —

in the form of US Pershing and Soviet SS20 missiles — that was recently unveiled at the United Nations with the title *Good Overcomes Evil*.

Before entering superpower politics he was a successful establishment artist, who won the Lenin Prize in 1976 after putting his distinctive decorative touch on places ranging from a Georgian car factory and a Black Sea resort to the Soviet embassy in Brazil. Even by the standards of Tbilisi, the Georgian capital which probably has more self-made millionaires than any other Soviet city, the wealth of the republic's most famous sculptor is legendary.

Characteristically, Georgians regard his palace-size house in the capital, opulent summer home, fleet of expensive cars and third home now under construction with a mixture of awe, pride and envy. His works command huge sums. Among Tbilisi wits, a standard joke on seeing

one of Mr Tsereteli's works is to suggest that it be named after the film *How to Steal a Million Dollars*. Although he spends most of his time in Moscow, a large workshop in the Georgian capital turns out objects to his design and his futuristic style looms over the region in the form of massive monuments.

Georgia's snobbish intelligentsia is far from united in praising his work, though one prominent member said he was compelled to admire the technical accomplishment of the statue of St George. One of his current projects is a sculpture designed for the Atlanta Olympics. It will show a giant figure slaying a symbolic Iron Curtain and appealing for trust between East and West. The work is to be entitled *Birth of the New Man*.

All of which may help to understand why Mr Tsereteli did so well when something like socialist realism was the order of the day.

Grumbles over a dry samovar

From MARY DELEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BY 9.30am, as the journalists were starting to assemble for the day's work, the large silver samovar had run dry. But samovars never run dry, you say. Maybe they didn't in those lazy days of the tsarist empire, with mama seated at the head of the table and with the housekeeper on hand to top up the water and the charcoal.

As the queue of journalists grew, the grumbling grew louder. "But what can you expect?" the Scandinavian contingent said, pointing to the number of waiters doing nothing to remedy the problem. "It will only get worse."

From the Moscow perspective, the international press corps is spoilt. Anyone covering the Moscow 1991 summit has two main comparisons: the London Group of Seven summit only two weeks ago and the 1988 Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Moscow. Moscow 1991 does not fare well, but not as badly as

veterans of the Moscow scene might have predicted.

London had many charms. The reporters operated from the centre of politics, with the television backdrop of Westminster Abbey (admittedly in scaffolding) and the Houses of Parliament. The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre could have been purpose-built for the world's press: enough space to accommodate several thousand people; halls with good acoustics to address from 30 to 1,500 people; a high-tech translation system and sufficient typists and copiers to turn out ample copies of documents within minutes and without pitched battles.

Surprisingly for our more demanding cousins from continental Europe, the food and drink service provided delicious evidence of how Britain has changed over the past decade. The best of British tastes were provided in abundance — a caviar, a seafood buffet, an abundance of vegetarian delicatessen, strawberries and clotted cream — and the tea and coffee urns did not run dry. Nor did the refrigerators and bars.

Moscow 1988, by all accounts, also held pleasant surprises. It was the first Soviet summit in the modern mode. The technical back-up, supplied mainly by the Americans, tended to work. There were telephone lines, serviced by an American satellite, closed-circuit transmission of the main events, and translation facilities. For almost the first time for a political event, Moscow seemed to be trying to give rather than withhold information.

But the signal virtue of the 1988 summit for the media was the element of expectation. Nobody knew how the commander-in-chief of cold warriors would respond to Moscow, or how Muscovites would respond to him.

The answer came in the rapturous reception Ronald Reagan was given as he walked through Red Square and the rapt attention with which Russians were glued to the television news.

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SUMMIT SKETCH by Peter Stothard

First Ladies teach Moscow art of comradeship

PLAYTIME at the summit was more relaxed for the gentlemen than for the ladies. While Presidents Bush and Gorbachev strolled around Red Square, tactfully trying to ignore Lenin's tomb, their wives were mobbed by a crowd of several hundred as they took a lunchtime city tour.

Soviet security men turned a pre-arranged tour of Cathedral Square into a day that could have belonged in an election campaign. Raisa Gorbachev showed her guest that she could work a crowd with both hands as skilfully as if she had been campaigning all her life. Barbara Bush, who needs no practice in vote-getting, happily let her hostess take the strain.

For Raisa the nightmare days with Nancy Reagan have been almost forgotten.

Thoughts of her former adversary returned only once: she denied that it was she who had ever advised her husband by whispering "peace in his ear every night". Maybe it was someone else, Raisa said sweetly. Today's First Ladies seemed like old friends, holding hands as they toured the Kremlin with Raisa giving extra support over the shiny cobblestones. They both unveiled a bronze statue of ducklings, a replica of one in a Boston park which they saw together last year. Earlier in the day she had even given her guest a bunch of roses to match her coral-coloured suit. That's co-ordination.

President Bush's fashion statement for the Moscow summit was brighter than his speeches.



On the back of his "leisure jacket", an item much admired by Muscovites, was a map of the world emblazoned in colours which in the 1960s would have been called psychedelic. He seemed almost to be rubbing in the charge by opponents in Washington that he is a president of the globe rather than of the United States.

Barbara, in a somewhat ambiguous gesture of wifely support, said that she had never seen the jacket before but that the president "had never bought anything in his life except for sneakers", a reference to the recent birthday gift from her husband of enough running shoes to start a riot in Red Square.

The White House press corps is not afraid of a little capitalist triumphalism either. Each ornate column in the Kremlin's St George's Hall is capped with a statue representing a Russian military victory. "Pre-revolutionary, of course," the attendant reporters remind their colleagues.

The 200-strong US press corps is immersed in a pink-paneled conference chamber big enough for basket-

ball. This compares favourably with the Washington summit last year when the press room actually was a basketball pitch. The room is a home from home. The reporters have their own telephones connected to a switchboard in Virginia, each with an individual number. The reporters also each have fire bottles of American spring water flown in by PanAm.

The prices are familiar, too: \$5 (about £3) for a single vodka, \$1 for an equally industrial strength cup of coffee. Showers in the Mez hotel work almost like those in America, although reporters are warned to keep their mouths closed while using them. Whether this is to avoid amoebic dysentery or to discourage reporters' singing into the secret microphones is unclear.

EC backs Hurd on monitors

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has expressed satisfaction that the European Community has decided only to increase the number of monitors in Yugoslavia rather than to provide a fully-fledged peace-keeping force to stop the fighting.

Britain has argued that such a force could be organised only under the aegis of the Western European Union, but says that it would be inappropriate at this stage. The priority must be to establish a ceasefire and to ensure, with civilian monitors, that this was observed in Croatia.

There was little enthusiasm at Monday's meeting in Brussels of EC foreign ministers for an extension of the EC mandate to include peace-keeping. Most ministers agreed with Mr Hurd that unless the civilian monitors were assured of proper protection, and both sides accepted the need for a ceasefire, sending in unarmed observers to try to



Refugees' lot: two Croat women fleeing in an animal cage drawn by a tractor from their village of Struga which came under Serb militia attack. Human shield, page 1

stop the ethnic clashes would be futile. Mr Hurd argued that the Yugoslavs must themselves be persuaded to enforce a ceasefire before any expanded EC role can work.

"EC ceasefire observers wear white, like summer camp monitors," a diplomat said yesterday. "Some say they are going to get shot like rabbits." The WEU was reluctant to comment yesterday on any

possible role in Yugoslavia, though said it was keeping the situation under constant review. The WEU, which comprises all the EC members except Denmark, Greece and Ireland, can hold an emergency council meeting if a member state requests one.

A decision to dispatch a peace-keeping force would have to be taken at a joint session with both foreign and

defence ministers, as was the decision to send forces to the Gulf. Britain would be willing to support this, believing that only the WEU has the competence and authority to take decisions with military implications for Europe. But Britain believes it is premature at this stage to invoke an intervention force.

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Dahmer kicked out of army for racism

From ANNE MCILVOY IN BERLIN

JEFFREY Dahmer, the Milwaukee man suspected of the mass murder of at least 11 men, was discharged from the American army in Germany because of his failure to curb his racism and his drinking habit, it emerged yesterday.

A former barracks-mate of Mr Dahmer said that the accused man had been ordered to leave the 68th Regiment in March 1981 after a failed rehabilitation course. "He would get drunk and get into fights and cuss out blacks," Michael Masters, a former room-mate of Mr Dahmer at the base of Baumholder, near Mainz, told the American Forces newspaper *Stars and Stripes*.

Mr Masters said that Mr Dahmer had repeatedly made clear that he did not like black people and that he was avoided as "weird and introverted". Ten of the 11 killings of which he is suspected were of black or Asian men.

The alleged serial killer had worked on the American air base of Baumholder in Germany as a medical orderly

since 1979 but was soon diagnosed as dependent on alcohol. "He was real perturbed at being put out of the military," Mr Masters said. "He had gone to college and blown that off and then he felt he had failed again with the army. He did not want to tell his father."

The German authorities in Bad Kreuznach, near by, are continuing investigations into a possible involvement of Mr Dahmer in the deaths of five women, strangled and stabbed in the area in 1979-1981.

BATH, Ohio: Investigators digging near Mr Dahmer's boyhood home yesterday in a search for remains of a hitchhiker who may have been the first of his alleged victims found a bone, but could not immediately say if it was human.

The authorities hoped that a map drawn by Mr Dahmer would help them find the remains or personal effects of Steven Mark Hicks around the property once owned by Mr Dahmer's parents in Bath, a suburb of Akron, Ohio. (AP)

Reshuffle by de Klerk puts reform back on the rails

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk has averted a serious threat to South Africa's reform process with a deft political manoeuvre that has confounded his critics and improved the image of his beleaguered government. By sidelining two controversial senior ministers implicated in political violence and a covert funding scandal and dropping others out of step with the transition to a multiracial democracy, he appears to have regained the initiative he had come perilously close to losing.

In advance of his television address to the nation last night, Mr de Klerk late on Monday effectively defused much of the criticism levelled at the clandestine projects by sacrificing the two ministers in an extensive cabinet reshuffle. Adrian Vlok, the law and order minister, was shunted to the correctional (prison) services ministry, and General Magnus Malan, the hawkish defence minister, was sent into political obscurity by being made minister of water affairs and forestry. But R.F. "Pik" Botha, the foreign minister, who was deeply involved in secret funding of the Inkatha Freedom party, survived the purge.

General Malan, whose security forces have been tainted by allegations of complicity with Inkatha in fomenting political violence, tried to put a brave face on his demotion. Referring to his long career of waging war against the Marxist-influenced African National Congress and its South African Communist party allies, he said: "I have beaten the Reds, now I join the Greens". He will be succeeded by Roelf Meyer, aged 44, the deputy minister of constitutional development, and the youngest cabinet member.

Mr Vlok made no comment and his aides said that he was extremely emotional. He was replaced by Herms Kriel, now the planning and housing minister, who said immediately after his appointment

that he would strive to create a stronger but more credible force. "The first thing that we will have to do is to promote a police force that will at all times act in an unbiased way to each and every citizen of our country, to each political grouping. I think it is very, very important that we establish the credibility of the police force," he told the BBC.

He defended the government, saying that it was unfair to judge it on the basis of one scandal. "Do not judge us on 'Inkathagate'. Judge us on other things we have done," he said, referring to the reform measures introduced by Mr de Klerk to eliminate apartheid. Mr Vlok's transfer came just before the police announced yesterday that five policemen attached to an "unrest" unit in the western Transvaal had been suspended pending an investigation into allegations of torture and murder. Witnesses have implicated the unit, based in a house called "the house of horrors" by local black residents, in 17 violent deaths in as many months.

Three recruits to the cabinet, Sam de Beer (black education), Leon Wessels (planning) and Piet Marais (administration), are regarded as enlightened. Abe Williams, a former leader of the mainly Coloured Labour party, becomes the first non-white in a National party government as deputy minister of education in charge of general policy.

Reaction to Mr de Klerk's announcement was muted among his critics, who suggested he had created merely the illusion of reform. Walter Simola, the ANC deputy president, said: "The removal of guilty parties from the cabinet is what we demanded, and that does not mean shifting them around from pillar to post". Colin Egin, chairman of the Democratic party caucus, agreed the reshuffle did not go far enough.

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WITH most appointments taking effect on August 30, the new cabinet is: Constitutional development, Gerrit Viljoen; housing and works, water affairs and forestry, Magnus Malan; transport, posts and telecommunications, Roelf Meyer; public enterprises and economic co-ordination, Pieter de Villiers; justice, Kobus Coetzee; correctional services and budget, Adrian Vlok; education and training, Sam de Beer; national health and welfare, Rina Vermeir; law and order, Herms Kriel; defence and communications, Roelf Meyer; planning and provincial affairs, Leon Wessels; administration, education and culture, Piet Marais; foreign affairs, R.F. "Pik" Botha; public works, land affairs and development aid, Jacob de Villiers; agriculture, Kras van Nieuwkerk; finance, Barand du Plessis; national education and environment, Louis Pienaar; regional development and state expenditure, Anla Vermeir; home affairs, Gans Louw; mineral and energy affairs, George Berthoff; manpower, El Louw; trade, industry and tourism, Org Marais.

Queen of sleaze gets a trashing

FROM SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

TWO months after she dished up a volume of dirt on Nancy Reagan, the former First Lady, Kitty Kelley is suffering a taste of her own medicine. A former tabloid reporter has published a racy attack on the woman who made a lucrative career out of denigrating Frank Sinatra and Jackie Onassis.

The targets of Ms Kelley's past best-sellers are inclined to say the tables could not have been turned against a better person. In his 360-page swipe, *Poison Pen: The Unauthorised Biography of Kitty Kelley*, George

Carpozi defends his subject's alleged favourite sexual positions, says her ex-husband was spineless, and delights in quoting media stars, including talk-show host Larry King and gossip queen Liz Smith, as despising her. He also alleges that one unnamed *Post* reporter suffered a heart attack, requiring triple by-pass surgery, after sexual intercourse with her. Explaining Ms Kelley's failure when working for *The Washington Post*, he says the ambitious researcher was asked to resign after she was suspected of taking notes in news meetings about the then publisher, Katharine Graham.

Mr Carpozi defends his descent into sleaze by claiming that Ms Kelley deserved a comeuppance. *The Washington Times* has dubbed his biography "Kitty litter", while gloating in the bronchitis accompanying its release, several days ago, by Bantam Books. The newspaper's society columnist, Charlene Hays, reported yesterday that allies of Ms Kelley's prey are trying to persuade the publisher, Lyle Stuart, to throw a party in Mr Carpozi's honour. Among the eager bashers are Mrs Reagan's former hairdresser, Robin Weir. "It's not a party anybody would be afraid to come to," Mr Weir told Ms Hays. "except perhaps Teddy Kennedy," the Democratic senator from Massachusetts, who is rumoured to be Ms Kelley's next victim.

In a stroke of genius, the *Poison Pen* book jacket resembles Ms Kelley's literary genre of "paralogy". He lists Ms Kel-



Kelley: given a taste of her own bitter medicine

Carpozi apes his subject's predilection for innuendo, gossip-mongering and dubiously sourced material. Among his charges: the celebrity biographer was banished from the University of Arizona and is an appearance-obsessed title-hunter.

These are among the nicer things Mr Carpozi has to say about the woman whose works crown the popular US literary genre of "paralogy". He lists Ms Kel-



Helping hand: John Major on the steps of 10 Downing Street yesterday with Jalal Talabani, the leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, who had thanked him for the allied protection which was given to thousands of refugees who fled the Iraq fighting (Hushir Teimourian writes). The Kurdish leader, in his first meeting with Mr Major, asked him to keep

British troops in the rapid-reaction force in southeast Turkey until a Kurdish autonomy agreement had been achieved in Baghdad. He also asked Mr Major to ensure that part of any revenue from Iraqi oil sales allowed by the United Nations goes to a special international bank devoted to the reconstruction of Iraqi Kurdistan. More than 4,000 Kurdish villages and

dozens of towns had been destroyed by the Baathist regime over the past two decades. The prime minister "liked the idea and promised to do his best", Mr Talabani said. The co-chairman of the Kurdistan Front, the umbrella political organisation of Iraqi Kurds, met Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday and is meeting Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, today.

Kurds receive £14m aid from concert appeal

By PETER VICTOR

AN ESTIMATED £14 million of aid has been used to deliver a temporary hospital and 16 lorryloads of medicines, food and blankets for Kurdish refugees, following the Simple Truth appeal concert staged last May.

The concert raised £57 million and is estimated to have cost £100,000; overseas transmissions cost £238,000, and administration, marketing and advertising £210,000.

Figures, provided by the charity, show that £43 million is being distributed by international Red Cross agencies, UN aid agencies and directly by the countries which collected the money. Much of the money given by overseas governments, individuals and corporations is going directly to aid efforts from those countries.

More than £13 million is being distributed by aid agencies in Britain; £5 million went towards UN aid, with another £4 million going to British agencies such as Oxfam and Save the Children.

The Red Cross gave a breakdown yesterday of £1.9 million aid it had distributed from the proceeds of the

benefit. This includes 18 lorries at a cost of £626,400, more than 32 tons of medicines costing £460,743, about 4,000 tents at £95 each, 46,000 kilograms of biscuits, 200,000 sachets of dehydration fluids costing £38,538, 19 tons of tinned tuna and 11 tons of tomatoes. Ten flights to transport the relief supplies cost £359,323.

Its main priority had been to get cash gifts out to the region where the Kurdish refugees most needed it, a Red Cross spokesman said. "Our policy has been to get money out to the Red Crescent as quickly as possible, so it can buy goods out there. In that way we also save on transport costs."

The number of Kurds relying on relief aid had dropped from 2.5 million to 300,000, the spokesman said. The charity is confident that overseas aid agencies are distributing resources where they are most needed. "The Red Crescent has a very good track record for distributing aid. There is a misconception that the money is being channelled via the British Red Cross when it isn't."

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FROM RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

In a big health system reorganisation, the government announced plans to abolish the country's 14 area

The former Labour party finance minister, David Cagill, who was partly responsible for setting the country on its monetarist path, was also critical. "It is not the mother of all budgets as promised. It is a mean budget," he said.



FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

The changes are driven to some extent by an immediate need for international loans, which have threatened to dry up because of disenchantment

Rao, the prime minister, "to think big". Parliamentary debate this week on his first budget two weeks ago has focused on opposition accusations that he has "surrendered India to the IMF", but there has nevertheless been an air of acceptance that painful

● **Villagers drowned:** More than 400 people were feared to have drowned when the rain-swollen Wardha river burst its embankment yesterday and submerged the village of Mohad in western India. (AP)

FROM NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

to Le Mai, Vietnam's deputy foreign minister. After meeting Richard Solomon, the American Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific affairs, Mr Le Mai said progress had been made, although the Americans were still emphasising that normal

The photograph has threatened to halt the improvements in relations between Washington and Hanoi that followed the recent progress towards peace in Cambodia.

Afghan hope

Bangkok — An Australian sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment in Bangkok is the fourth member of his family now in jail for drug trafficking. Noel Hudson, aged 34, was first given a life sentence, but the judge reduced this to 25 years because he pleaded guilty.

Hong Kong — At least 126 people have been arrested after looting in China's flood-hit Jiangsu province. One of them was immediately executed for rape, a newspaper reported. Rains since the middle of May have left 1,729 people dead and caused £3.6 billion in damage, according to official estimates. (AFP)

FROM REUTERS IN TOKYO

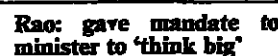
While the communist state has indeed issued similar appeals in the past, its latest proposal for the first time calls on China and the Soviet

The commander-in-chief, US Pacific command, Admiral Charles Larson, said in Singapore last week that North Korea was secretly developing nuclear weapons and that its programme posed

● **Seoul:** South Korea will submit its application for membership of the United Nations next Monday, a foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday. North Korea in May dropped its insistence that both Koreas should share a UN seat and applied for separate membership earlier this month.

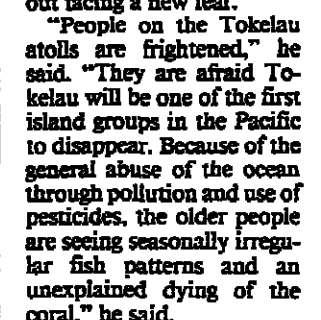


Rao: gave mandate to ministers to 'think big'



On a visit to Tokelau, a poor dependency of New Zealand, at the time of the disaster four years ago, I saw the people beginning to

Since then Tokelau has been hit again. Falani Aukuso, the former director of education in Tokelau, attending the 22nd annual meeting of the 15-nation South Pacific Forum in this tiny capital, said yesterday the islands had been hit by Cyclone Ofa in January last year, and the waves had



Dr Jeremy Leggett, a Greenpeace campaigner from London, said some island states could be facing physical and cultural extinction in the lifetime of today's children unless leading industrial powers could be persuaded to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. He said America was one of the main offenders.

While the doomsday scenario has been challenged, Pacific states are taking the threat seriously. Experts here say saline penetration can ruin freshwater sources before the islands are inundated.

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The high price of prestige

Can costume serials ever repay their high cost of production?
Sally Brompton reports

The BBC's plan to screen Samuel Richardson's 18th century novel *Clarissa* and Somerset Maugham's *Ashenden* this autumn marks a return to what many people regard as the corporation's forte, the classic serial.

It is a genre which the BBC seemed to have made its own with its traditional Sunday afternoon serial slot, frequently featuring the works of Jane Austen and Charles Dickens.

In recent years, however, the independent television companies appear to have taken over the classical mantle, with productions such as *HIV's* current six-part version of Dickens's *Great Expectations*, which has grabbed an impressive 48 per cent share of the market with 7.5 million viewers on Sunday nights.

While the BBC argues that the high cost of making period drama is the main reason that it has been allowed out of the scheduling *Great Expectations*, which stars Jean Simmons and Anthony Hopkins, has already been sold in 54 other countries. This has done much to offset the £4 million the series cost.

The idea to remake *Great Expectations*, which is produced by PrimeTime Television, one of Britain's larger independent producers, came from the Disney Channel in the United States, which co-financed the project. "If you take Disney as being a 50 per cent partner and HITV as contributing a large share of the balance, then you cover the deficit and make a profit

better bet than *Clarissa* if you were trying to make money," Mr Loader believes that the traditional BBC classic serial, filmed mainly in the studio, would appear dated to today's audiences. He also feels that the BBC's acclaimed serialisation of *Bleak House* in the mid 1980s has acted as a deterrent.

"There is a school of thought within the BBC that one of the reasons we haven't done any classic serials in recent years is because *Bleak House* elevated the level of production so high it is impossible to follow it."

He was attracted to *Clarissa* because the novel "hasn't been explored and is not to do with our conception of Victorian manners and morals, but belongs to a looser period of British life". He is surprised that HITV chose to remake *Great Expectations*. "I wouldn't want to be in the business of doing an adaptation that has been done so many times before - including David Lean's famous 1946 version," he says.

This view is dismissed as "totally nonsensical" by Patrick Dromgoole, HITV's chairman. "It's a bizarre argument," says Mr Dromgoole, the executive producer of *Great Expectations*. "Shakespeare has been done on the screen again and again, and will be in the future. Other producers will do *Great Expectations* again. We weren't competing with Lean and we've done a totally different exercise to his version, which



Pricey restoration: Sean Bean and Saskia Wickham in the BBC serial *Clarissa*

has its own validity and will probably be repeated. If you're talking about a classic piece of material which was designed for any medium, it is going to be made again and again."

Michael Wearing, the BBC's head of serials, blames the cost of making period films - "something like three-quarters of your budget goes on design-related expenditure" - for the corporation's failure to live up to its classical reputation. "I think the last one we did was *Vanity Fair*, which was a headache financially."

"We do get help in a co-

ductive sense, mainly from the American Public Broadcasting System or cable, but it's tough and go."

Mr Wearing adds: "When ITV joined in the game people started copying each other. ITV made *Hard Times*, which was shot very beautifully and very expensively, and the BBC responded with *Bleak House*. We were both bankrupting ourselves."

"There's an open question about whether the audience

Back in focus

MOHAMMED Amin, the award-winning Kenyan cameraman who lost his left arm in an explosion in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, in June, is back at work at his company, Camerapix, in Nairobi. Next week in London he will take delivery of a unique video camera which will allow him to focus and take pictures with one hand. It has been developed for him by Sony, with a lens by Canon. Later he will travel to Oklahoma to be fitted with a bioelectronic left arm.

Farming cut

FEARS that Radio 4's early morning programme *Farming Today* might be rescheduled, like *Woman's Hour*, or even - perish the thought - dropped altogether, have abated. The acquisitive news and current affairs department, which has coveted the FT slot, has been given its own

news channel on FM. But *FT*, a favourite programme of Margaret Thatcher, has not escaped completely. It is to be cut back from 15 to 12, or even 10, minutes to accommodate more business coverage in the news briefing which precedes it at 6am. However, Michael Green, the Radio 4 controller, has made no decision on when this will happen.

A new sort of outing

HOMOSEXUAL outing has claimed another casualty: 9,000 British import copies of the latest issue of *Paris Match* have six pages ripped out "for legal reasons". The index indicates the offending article to be "Les Anglais 'Homos'", with the sub-heading "Et si Edith Cresson avait raison?" *Paris Match* is one of 111 foreign publications imported into Britain by Seymour International Press Distributors, where Peter Simmons, the account executive, says the article referred to prominent people's homosexuality. "As distributors we can be sued for libel," he added. "We decided to be safe rather than sorry."

War torn

ITN is put out at the one-sided nature of the exhibition "War in the Gulf: BBC News Reporting", which opens today at the Imperial War Museum. What about our war coverage, ITN justifiably pleads. A question of funds, the museum answers: the BBC is paying half the costs of the exhibition. Perhaps it is all just as well. ITN's star Gulf turn, Brent Sadler, its Middle East correspondent, has been approached by America's Cable News Network



Brent Sadler: CNN offer

(CNN) and may soon be on his way from Gray's Inn Road to Atlanta, where he is well-known for his ITN Gulf coverage carried by CNN.

Love on the small screen

VIRGIN Vision is to release an explicit video version next February of "an up-front practical guide", Linda Sontag's *Making Love*, which is to be published in book form at the same time by Hamlyn. As a result, Mitchell Beazley, part of the same publishing group as Hamlyn, has dropped plans for a video version of *The New Joy of Sex*. Dr Alex Comfort's 1972 opus which takes on a Nineties lease of life in October. However, these companies will all be pipped at the post by Pickwick, which in September issues *The Lovers' Guide*, described by the company as the "most sexually explicit video ever", with commentary by the ubiquitous sexologist Dr Andrew Stanway. Pickwick's Alistair Emslie says coyly: "It is very tastefully done."

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No minister, no comment

ON MONDAY night, Mark Thompson, the editor of BBC's *Panorama*, would have liked a government minister on his programme, which looked into the background and policy implications of Lord Hanson's possible takeover of ICI. But Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, declined to appear and made it clear he did not want his junior, John Redwood, in the studio either.

The non-appearance of ministers on television is part of a government tactic to defuse the effects of genuine investigative reporting, Mr Thompson claims. His view is supported by colleagues in other areas of television.

Although Monday's programme was relatively small beer - "it is not surprising Mr Lilley did not appear as there hasn't been a bid and clearly he cannot prejudice his position," said Jean Caines, the director of information at the trade and industry department - Mr Thompson experienced more obvious non-cooperation from government departments in controversial *Panorama* programmes on British arms sales to the Middle East last month and on the

Television producers say ministers are ducking interviews

army's alleged shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland last week. Geoffrey Seed, the producer of the latter programme, says: "This is a new way of crouching behind the parapet. Previously you could expect a combative interview from the relevant minister. Now their advisers say: 'These people have an unanswerable case; don't go on.'"

Ian McBride, a producer on Granada's *World in Action*, agrees: "It is a trend we have increasingly noticed over the past two or three years. Increasingly ministers want to set conditions, to ensure that they won't be edited and will have the last word. It is absolutely consistent with this approach that last week

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, announced his decision to review the Winston Silcott case on Jimmy Young's radio show."

Ms Caines denied there was any prohibition on ministers appearing on investigative programmes. "Judgments are taken on a case by case basis," she said.

In the prime minister's office, a spokesman said the only general policy was that ministers did not debate directly on television with their opposite numbers. Otherwise appearances were a matter for ministers and their advisers to decide.

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When baby makes three — or twelve

Big families are an oddity today, as more people decide to have only one child. Alice Thomson meets two couples with different ideals

They drink gallons of milk, consume endless fish fingers and cornflakes and have two washing machines constantly on the go. The Roper-Curzon family are not a football team, they are one of those oddities in the 1990s — a large family. The ages of David, Emma, Sophie, Lucy, Jonathan, Hermione, Peter, William, Benjamin and Alice range between twenty-five and seven. Lady Teynham, their mother, produced her ten children with awe-inspiring ease. "It's always nice to have another baby, and so exhilarating. The more you have the less work it is anyway, because the older ones look after the younger ones for you," she says.

Few people in Europe seem to share her enthusiasm. A European Commission survey published this week shows that the population rate has declined dramatically over the past 30 years. European women can be expected to give birth to 1.6 children, compared with 2.6 in the 1960s, leaving the birth rate well below that needed to maintain the current population.

In Britain, five times as many couples are choosing to have only one child, compared with the number ten years ago, and one in ten families now has an only child. Over the same period, the number of families choosing to have three or more children has fallen from one in four to one in five. The two-child family is what 57 per cent of European couples dream of.

Anna Woods, aged 45, is two years younger than Lady Teynham and, out of choice, she and her husband, Jonathan, have only one child, Frederick, now 18. "We both have careers — Jonathan is a barrister and I work for the BBC — and we have a high standard of living. If we had had a large family both my career and our way of life would have suffered," she says.

"Children are enormously expensive, but we can give him everything he wants both financially and emotionally."

Lord Teynham, a retired land agent, has a stately home and enough capital to provide for his children, but finances are often strained. "You're always being bullied by someone asking please can I just have x amount of money for this or that. It starts with sweets and toys but they soon start wanting clothes and cars," he says. Robin Chater, the managing

director of the Childcare Directory, a guide to British private and public childcare facilities, believes that the affluent are increasing the size of their families, but that those at the other end of the scale have been forced to limit theirs. "Children have become a consumer item," he says.

Mrs Woods comes from a large family. "I always wanted to be an only child," she says. "I was born just after the war, when there wasn't much to go around, and we lived in cramped conditions so there wasn't very much privacy. I wanted more for my son."

The number of third children and more born to professional and

'When I was six years old I had ten dolls and I remember deciding then that I must have ten children'

managerial families rose by 21 per cent between 1979 and 1989. The number born to semi-skilled and unskilled workers fell by 11 per cent. According to Mr Chater, another reason for this is the rise in female employment and the lack of state childcare.

"You would have thought that professional women would have fewer children because they are more serious about their careers," he says. "But richer women can afford to use private nurseries and pay for help in the home. Women in menial jobs often do not have the back-up of childcare facilities, and many mothers cannot financially afford to sacrifice their jobs to look after a growing brood."

Lord Teynham laughs at the idea of his wife pursuing a career, not because he feels she should not, but because running a large family is like controlling a business — and Lady Teynham puts more into her business than anyone he knows in the City.

So why does anyone have a large family? "I think these things just happen," he says. Lady Teynham disagrees. She says she was determined to have ten and that most

mothers of large families do it because they love children. "When I was six years old I had ten dolls and I remember deciding then that I must have ten children," she says.

Dr Robin Skinner, a psychologist and the co-author of the best-selling *Families and How to Survive Them*, believes there is a great psychological difference between a large and small family. "Eldest and only children are far more likely to be high achievers than younger children from large families. But this isn't necessarily a good thing. Eldest children tend to be more ambitious, anxious and driven. Their parents expect far more of them, and their quality of life is often not as good as that of a younger child."

Mrs Woods is not worried about Frederick being an only child. "He is very independent, and has benefited from doing things he could never have done if he was competing for my attention with a lot of brothers and sisters," she says. "He has been to America and Kenya on his own and can choose where we go on family holidays."

Family holidays for the Roper-Curzon family are based firmly in Britain. "The children stay at home and provide their own entertainment," says Lord Teynham. "We can't afford to take them abroad, but they seem to enjoy themselves."

Admittedly, the family home, Pylewell Park, near Lymington in Hampshire, is more like a country club than your average house. There is tennis, swimming and sailing in the summer and shooting in the winter. Christmas is also a large-scale undertaking. "It is quite an ordeal getting all the little ones to bed before Father Christmas comes, and we often have to have two sittings for meals," Lord Teynham says.

At the end of the summer the parents take themselves on holiday abroad to recuperate. "I don't feel guilty that we can't take them with us. They will have plenty of time to go on their own when they are older," Lord Teynham says.

Large families tend to breed self-confidence and competition. If you do not make sure you look after yourself you can easily get lost. You have to learn to shout loud and eat fast, according to the Roper-Curzon children. But their father says they are all rather shy with other families. "They don't seem to like other people's chil-



"It's always nice to have another baby, and so exhilarating": Lord and Lady Teynham with eight of their ten children and a grandchild

ren. Whenever we suggest going to friends nearby they become very coy. They have a few close friends, but they do most things together," Lord Teynham says.

Mrs Woods thinks that Frederick is probably much more outgoing because he is an only child. "He is always having friends to stay and is equally at home with adults," she says. "I think being an only child also helped him academically. As a child he spent quite a lot of time left to his own devices, so he became a great reader. He read our newspapers and discussed current affairs with us from an early age. We are a close family and we spent a lot of time explaining things to him and helping him with his homework."

"I think he may even have been a little spoilt, but when he went to boarding school he got the best of

both worlds. He learnt to share with other people and he knew that we really cared and could spend time with him when he was at home. He is extraordinarily self-sufficient now and can cook his own meals."

Housework does not appeal to the Roper-Curzon family. Alice, the youngest, is the only one who enjoys doing any cleaning. Her mother says Alice is very tidy and has good taste. Three of the children are now married, but the rest still rely on their mother to wash and cook for them. However, all the children are exceedingly well-educated, by any standard. They all went to private prep schools and, in time, private secondary schools.

In order to pay for it all, the

Roper-Curzon family followed the Von Trapp method: they sing. "They all seem to win music scholarships, which is very useful otherwise we could never afford to pay any school fees," Lord Teynham says. "Three of them have been choristers at Salisbury cathedral. The older ones help the younger ones and there are three pianos, so there isn't too long a queue. Sophie [aged 23] is now a concert pianist, and Peter [aged 13] has just won the top music scholarship to Charterhouse."

Lord Teynham has had time to coach all his children for their scholarships. He can also recite the names and ages of his children — correctly and at great speed.

A large family used to be a good insurance policy, but Lord and Lady Teynham have no illusions about being looked after in their

old age. "At the rate they are going, they will all be involved in families of their own soon," says Lord Teynham. Mrs Woods is more worried for Frederick than herself. "My one worry is what will happen when we grow old and die. We always joke that we will drink and smoke so much that we won't be gaga for long, but it will be a tremendous burden on him, and eventually he will be left alone."

So what is the ideal size for a family? Dr Skinner, himself one of five, says it all comes down to finance and personal preference. What is his preference? "Four, with a space of about two years between each," he says. If everyone took his advice the bureaucrats in Brussels would not have to worry about the population problem anymore.

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By law, all white bread already has to be fortified with thiamin (B1), niacin (B3), calcium and iron to compensate for nutrients lost during the milling process. Allied's new version of its Mighty White loaf will also contain folic acid and, also for the first time, vitamin B12. The company has trebled the amount of thiamin and more than quadrupled the niacin it puts in the loaf.

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The best natural sources of folic acid are liver, yeast extract and green leafy veg-

etables. However, pregnant women are advised by the health department to avoid liver as a precautionary measure, because of the high levels of vitamin A it contains. Also, it can be difficult to obtain sufficient folic acid from cooked green vegetables, because the vitamin is easily destroyed by heat.

Lucy Carroll, the secretary of the Association of Cereal Food Manufacturers, believes that as many as 60 per cent of breakfast cereals already contain folic acid (those that do list it in their contents).

Stan Wood, the chairman of the technical panel of the Federation of Bakers, believes

other bakers are likely to imitate Mighty White's higher nutrient content. Mr Wood, who helped develop the new version of the bread, says: "We have added vitamin B12 and folic acid in the light of recent research into schoolchildren's diets which suggests that they may be deficient in these vitamins, and in the light of the public interest in nutrients."

"However, there is some public resistance to interfering with bread. We would certainly fear the reaction of customers if we proposed adding anything to wholemeal bread. Customers buy it because nothing is added to it or removed."

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BRIEFING

Elder status

MARK Elder is to be principal guest conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducting a minimum of 12 concerts a year from 1992. There has been much speculation about the future plans of Elder, who relinquishes his music-directorship of English National Opera in 1993 after 12 years. At one stage he was considered a likely principal conductor of the Halle Orchestra in Manchester.

The Birmingham appointment gives the CSO a remarkable conducting team, since Simon Rattle remains as music director for the foreseeable future, but does not preclude the possibility of Elder being appointed principal conductor elsewhere.

Bishop move

DEREK Jacobi is returning to the West End to take the title role in a revival of Jean Anouilh's *Becket*, which chronicles the relationship between Henry II and Thomas à Becket. The production, which also stars Robert Lindsay as Henry II, is the play's first major revival since its original London production 30 years ago. Elijah Moshinsky is directing *Becket*, which tours for eight weeks prior to opening at the Theatre Royal Haymarket on October 3.

Tonic idea

THE gloom pervading a closed hospital ward will lift briefly at St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, this week. Tonight, in *Albert Ward*, a play written by Isaac Samuel, a surgical registrar at the hospital, has its British premiere. *Nobody Knows* will be performed by a cast drawn entirely from the hospital staff, proceeds from the performances (till Friday) go to the Friends of St Thomas's. At most West End theatres the distraction is usually sleepers going off in the audience; here, it is likely to be the performers who get called away.

Last chance...

ROBERT David MacDonald's boisterous play *Webster*, first seen at the Glasgow Citizens but now at the Old Red Lion, Islington (071-837 7816), gives a family and social background to the virtually unknown author of *The White Devil* and *The Duchess of Malfi*. It also creates a vivid picture of bitty, plot-ridden, backstage life in a Jacobean theatre. Ends on Sunday.

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Only the unconvincing "dirt" makeup lets them down: the latest cast of the musical *Les Misérables*, which opened at the Palace Theatre in 1985

Clear winners in the long run

Popular wisdom has it that the West End stage's biggest successes lose their freshness and appeal with the passing years. Benedict Nightingale is delighted to discover two exceptions

What makes a show run for years and years and years? And do standards crumble as cast follows cast? With the theatre in a silly-season slump last week, I donned my mental Hawaiian shorts and joined those thronging into the Palace and St Martin's theatres. If answers were to be had, no musical and no play would be more likely to provide them than *Les Misérables* and *The Mousetrap*, both of which have sensationally exceeded their producers' most fanciful hopes. Who would have believed that a pop-opera not by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and earnestly concerned with questions of law and mercy in 19th century France, could be nearing the end of its sixth year? Who could have imagined that an unpretentious country-hotel thriller would soon enter its fortieth?

If you arrive at the St Martin's by taxi, give the driver a good tip. Embittered cabbies have been known to take revenge by shouting the name of the murderer after their departing fares. That would not greatly have worried yours truly, though. I last saw *The Mousetrap* at a time when, as the *Times* theatre ads were also listing Peggy Ashcroft in Rattigan's *Deep Blue Sea*, the Lumis in *Quadriga*, and someone weirdly misnamed Dennis Prick in *Husbands Don't Count*. Just weeks after Agatha Christie's play opened, I joined a queue outside the theatre, paid roughly 8p for a seat in what was then the pit, and have ever since remembered the killer's identity. Perhaps there is a clue here to the play's longevity. The solution, like that of Christie's *Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, is unorthodox enough to be

unguessable, and unguessable enough to be unforgettable. The play has seeped into our collective consciousness as a national challenge, like the Germans' Enigma machine or Merlin's sword in the stone. Certainly, I have no better theory to explain why a thriller inferior to Christie's own *Witness for the Prosecution*, let alone Shaffer's *Sleuth*, should so vastly outpace its kin.

There has been no attempt to update what happens in the timbered hall of Monkswell Manor. Someone even compliments the hostess on her "very well disguised corned beef".

Among those cut off by the worst snowstorm in memory are a sour croon given to complaining that "the working classes have no sense of their responsibilities"; a cackling foreigner, Paravicini by name, who pronounces himself "a man of mystery"; a woman ("if she is a woman") who wears trousers and sits with knees apart; and the effete brat Christopher Wren, who is not unreasonably called "a very ill-mannered and neurotic young man" by a fellow-guest he jocularly pretends to strangle.

Line after line sounds like raw material for Stoppard's parody of detective plays, *The Real Inspector Hound*. "There's a murderer loose and it seems to me you fit the bill." "I feel I don't know you any more." "Maybe you never did know me." "This isn't a game." "Now there I

think you're wrong." Yet all this somehow makes the piece more appealing, not less. Last week, it grabbed some unreconstructed part of me that shamefully longs to be time-warped to the security of the Fifties, preferably with all 78 of Christie's crime stories beside the Ovaltine on my bedside table.

To that English weakness, add the feeling of many Americans and Japanese that the play is as vital a stop-off as Tussauds or the Tower; and there is no apparent reason why *The Mousetrap* should not run for ever. When I saw it, the house was 70 per cent full and it, the house was 70 per cent full

'Les Misérables' is a refreshing antidote to modern cynicism'

as in 1985. Its directors, Trevor Nunn and John Caird, might ensure that bodies sprawled on the Paris barricades are not so obviously made of rubber (one, stepped on, buckles like a bathtub duck) and that the dirt disfiguring the poor does not come in big, deliberate blotches, like moles on Restoration faces.

But Stig Rossen and Paul Leonard, respectively exuding whiskey gravitas and craggy paranoia, still transform the private tussle of Valjean and Javert into what it must be, a war between different definitions of justice and duty. *Les Misérables* also time-

warps its audiences backwards, this time into a world where great moral questions are embodied with simple power. It is a dose of alkaline amid the engulfing acids, a refreshing antidote to modern cynicism.

Yet its appeal is visceral, too. On Monday some of the audience looked the way I recall them looking in 1985, as if they had simultaneously witnessed Little Nell's death and the landing of the spaceship in *Close Encounters*.

And why not? The story still unfolds with unstoppable momentum. The stage is mostly stark, but there is still that marvellous moment when two huge timber structures — each a jumble of crates, barrels, chairs, and Parisian debris — lurch forward, slant and lock together, like science-fiction monsters copulating. The emotions still burst their banks at the end. If Claude-Michel Schönberg were Bizet and not Claude-Michel Schönberg, the musical would be the best in town, instead of a close second to *Carmen Jones*.

As it is, *Les Mis* is booking eight months ahead, compared with *The Mousetrap*'s six. Perhaps the ideal formula for success would be a blend of each. Barricades would rise beneath the portrait of Elizabeth I in Monkswell Manor. Javert would arrive on skis, singing "murder is not a game". Actors variously wearing a cat suit, a half-mask and an amazing multi-coloured dreamcoat might intermittently intrude. But if I knew the answer to the question that I began by posing, I would be a very rich angel, and not a critic with a very big overdraft.

FACTORY ART

Business wound up but booming

John Russell Taylor on a Swiss show to gladden the heart of all eccentrics

What do you do with a large redundant factory? Especially if the building has some kind of architectural interest, like Battersea Power Station, or historical importance, like the ABB turbine works in Baden, or both, like Fiat's Lingotto motor-works in Turin. Obviously, a building created entirely in terms of a specific industrial function is difficult to convert to other uses, and on the whole the simpler the original, the better for future prospects. Uncluttered warehouses and workshops — such as Dean Clough, the Henry Moore Foundation's exhibition space in Yorkshire — tend to be preferred.

Such a solution would hardly work for the ABB turbine works in Baden, outside Zurich. It is very large, and until recently one of the main sources of employment in the town. There is a certain amount of resentment that it has ceased to be so. Clearly its new use should be something that the locals will appreciate, and which will in some way provide positive propaganda for the company, which is celebrating its own centenary as Switzerland celebrates its 700th anniversary.

The exhibition specialists Xavier Bellprat and Peter Santer have come up with an ingenious concept. Since so much of the conglomerate's work was to do with the conversion of fuels from the earth, and forces such as water and wind into energy, why not evoke all of this in some way, preferably not too illustrative of the group's products?

The linchpin had to be a work of art overwhelmingly large, self-evidently enjoyable and intricately mechanical. Switzerland has produced several masters of the eccentric "Heath Robinson" machine for doing nothing sensible with a maximum of mechanical precision: Tinguely is merely the most famous outside Switzerland.

In his native Switzerland, Yvan "Lozzi" Pestalozzi is almost equally famous. Many squares and public buildings are decorated with his mad windmills. He also works on a very small scale, making egg-cracking machines and other whimsical automata. The idea of dramatising energy was handed over to him, and the

result is the *Worldmobile*: the largest single sculpture ever made in Switzerland: 72 metres long, 19 metres high and weighing more than 50 tons.

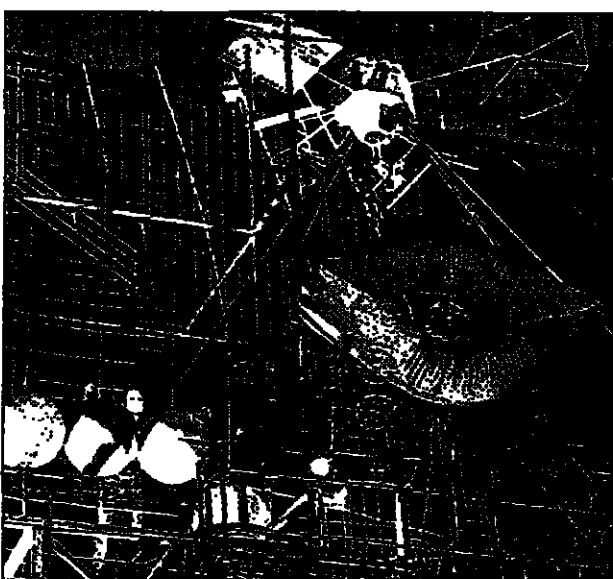
Standing on a couple of viewing platforms, spectators could easily spend half a day taking in everything that is going on in this kinetic wonderland. There is constant interplay between what seems and what is. Most sections symbolising the conversion of earth, air, water and fire into energy seem to be activated by gigantic pinballs creeping upwards and cascading down. In fact the balls merely direct the eye through a maze of moving parts, calling on techniques that Any Effects, the London special-effects company, has conjured up to make lava spurt, clouds hurtle by, and water fall on cue.

Performers are also involved, dancing and resting, cradled in the giant kinetic spoon which crosses rhythmically with an equally enormous knife to remind visitors that the preparation of food needs energy. Above them, bubbles burst from giant lips to simulate the words these mime artists cannot utter.

At intervals the faithful are summoned away from the contemplation of all these mechanical wonders to see a short knockabout play in the theatre area at one end. Frankenstein is called on to demonstrate a few of the more visually spectacular things that electricity can do. Then back to observing the ever-changing patterns.

The show has already been a gigantic success with the public, offering the fabled "something for the whole family" and delighting many who neither know nor care that what they are seeing is art. Probably this is a solution that could work only for this one building. But its imaginative scope must offer inspiration for problem buildings in many other countries besides Switzerland. And in the land of Heath Robinson and Rowland Emmett, it should find itself totally at home.

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ROCK

Singalong with a crafty couple

Ignore rappers, house music and teenage idols, urges Barney Hoskyns, because there are fine pop songwriters at work



Melodic: Chris Stamey (left) and Peter Holsapple make a rare London club appearance tonight

an inevitable side effect of any domestic pop explosion in Britain is that the best American rock should be overlooked by radio stations and the music press alike. This is especially true when, as now, America itself appears to vindicate British pride in its own music scene: with acts such as EMF and Jesus Jones currently storming the US Top Ten, there are already rumblings of a new British invasion in that substantially more lucrative pop market.

A case in point of neglect is the highly intelligent but gloriously melodic pop-rock purveyed by Peter Holsapple and Chris Stamey, two Americans whose low-key appearance at London's Borderline club tonight is eagerly awaited by the discerning few who remember their seminal early-Eighties band, The dBs.

The dBs were part of a substream of American rock that took its principal cue from the melodic intricacies of the Byrds, the Beatles and the Beach Boys. A garage-band permutation of classic harmony pop, it produced some of the loveliest and subtlest music recorded in the wake of the Sixties.

From Big Star's "September Girls" (1973) through the Shoes' "Boys Don't Lie" (1979), all the way to "I Know You Will" on Holsapple and Stamey's new album *Mavericks* (Special Delivery), it has been a meta-pop music of rich and quirky irony, occasionally bordering on a preppie-ish cuteness, always larded with nods to the likes of Brian Wilson. (Hear the

dBs' "She's Not Worried" for the wildest Wilson pastiche ever committed to vinyl.) Not for these knowing misfits the obvious chord sequence or resolution. If the jangling riffs and fresh-faced harmonies of Big Star's classic *Radio City* (1973) or Let's Active's superb *Cypress* (1984) are mesmerisingly pretty, they are also chock-full of curious changes, uncanny twists and turns.

In the current American climate of overblown "power ballads" by the Chers and Michael Bolton of this world, Holsapple and Stamey's *Mavericks* sounds admirably out of place. It was Big Star, a hugely

influential band from Memphis, that gave birth to this "meta-pop" sound of artful self-reference. The fey but yearning quality of singer Alex Chilton's songs and voice gave the impetus to a new school of songwriters who fell outside the spectrum of mainstream American rock.

The impact of *Radio City* has fed back into the mainstream with the massive success of REM's "Stand", "Losing My Religion" and "Shiny Happy People", who now include Peter Holsapple as an "unofficial fifth member". If Chilton has made few worthwhile records in recent years, he remains the patron saint of this garage-pop

sensibility, while to thousands of fans he is a cult hero of the order of Lou Reed.

Holsapple and Stamey came in roughly where Alex Chilton left off. They formed the dBs in 1978, out of the ashes of three other groups. Stamey's brief stint in Chilton's band showed through only too clearly on the classic dBs albums *Stands For Decibels* (1981) and *Repercussion* (1982), whose song credits were divided fairly evenly between him and Holsapple. Mitch Easter, a former member of one of the groups that preceded the dBs, drew on the same Big Star blueprint when he formed Let's Active in 1982.

The album which Holsapple and Stamey have made together after a seven-year break is more grown-up, less playfully deconstructionist than the dBs were in their heyday, but *Mavericks* is an entrancing record nevertheless, full of listeningly lovely and distinctly Chilton-esque tracks such as "Close Your Eyes" and "The Child In You". The most remarkable thing about these two songsmiths is how in tune they are as writers: there is no Lennon and McCartney-esque polarisation of styles here.

Peter Holsapple and Chris Stamey play the *Borderline* Orange Yard, off Manette Street, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071-734 2095) tonight at 9.45. Singer, Peter Blegvad, whose latest record *Peter Holsapple* has produced, precedes them on stage at 9pm.

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The formula that has made our diplomats the natural aristocrats of embassy row is envied worldwide, says Michael Binyon

Why we need toffs to lie for Britain

Urbane, suave, elegant, chivalrous and brutally single-minded — the popular image of the diplomat is as constant as his supply of cocktail chatter. Whatever the social changes, however steep the decline in Britain's power, our diplomats remain the natural aristocrats of embassy row. Is the Foreign Office still staffed by toffs? Does class matter in representing Britain?

Emphatically not, they insist in King Charles Street. Entry to the diplomatic service is by competitive examination. To select the 20 to 25 men and women who join the "fast stream" each year, the Foreign Office visits every university and is now recruiting from polytechnics. Last week, the ban on homosexuals entering the service was dropped. Wealth, poise and exotic languages are no longer demanded: today's candidates must show resilience and ability to learn a language, and are not

expected to contribute a penny to their entertainment allowance.

And yet... the ghosts of the stereotypes remain. Double-barrelled names abound. Scions of famous diplomatic families follow in their fathers' footsteps. From 50 to 60 per cent of all recruits come from public schools. Retired ambassadors become masters and wardens of Oxbridge colleges. Sir Antony Acland is leaving Washington to become provost of Eton.

The selectors can do little to break this pattern. The qualities that make a good diplomat are often those associated with the elite: discretion, tact, intelligence, familiarity with the customs and conventions of others and a willingness to work within the

framework of civilised courtesies. Of course diplomacy also needs a glitziness and thrust brasher than drawing room discourse: appearing on television and dealing with rioters are challenges for which every ambassador must prepare. The best have adapted effortlessly. Sir Harold Walker earned his knighthood by calmly explaining the view from the Baghdad embassy to millions of television viewers every night during the Gulf war. Sir David Hannay at the United Nations has an unerring instinct for dealing with the press; Britain's high profile in New York owes much to this star quality.

In France, many of the young men — and women — in the Quai d'Orsay come from illustrious families, and — adorned with titles or not — they are self-consciously an élite. Belgium and Holland, small, egalitarian nations, are also often represented abroad by diplomats from old, established families.



Top pedigree: Lord Pedgley, left, off to Eton and Lord Baron, right, relative of the Red Baron

Germany has sent Baron Hermann von Rittshofen to London. Yes, he is related to the famous Red Baron.

As communism collapses, the new democracies of Eastern Europe are choosing colourful characters, many of whom can trace their families back to pre-revolutionary glory. Ivan Stancioff, the Bulgarian ambassador, is a former émigré whose grandfather was the minister plenipotentiary in London of the pre-war royalist government. These days even young Soviet diplomats quietly boast that they come from this or that well-known family from tsarist days.

Peter Jay's appointment in Washington caused consternation at the time: how would a journalist manage in such a visibly social setting? The fact that he was the son-in-law of the prime minister quickly silenced any doubts, however. Subsequent ambassadors have amply fulfilled American expectations (although there was a trace of malice in the initial reaction to a recent incumbent: "One pinstripe too many").

The Americans themselves seem to feel the need to appoint to the large Western embassies men of wealth, connections and Ivy League pedigree, the American equivalent of aristocracy. Walter Amenberg and Kingman Brewster are perhaps the best known recent incumbents in London.

Yet poise and polish will never be enough to carry a diplomat through the charades of the world. A cast-iron stomach, endurance, improvisation and physical courage, especially in an age of terrorism and civil unrest, are also essential. In the future, many of our diplomats may not even be British: under the scheme for gradual integration of Community foreign policy, German and French diplomats are already working in London, while the head of the British section of the Quai d'Orsay is British.

Nevertheless, the old image will take a long time to fade. It has survived the think-tanks and the scorn of left-wingers. The image has survived mainly because the essence of a good diplomat remains the same. Britain, as in so many fields, has found a formula that endures class but defies classism. It is one that many around the world would like to copy.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Government-funded murder has failed to shock most white South Africans

President de Klerk's cabinet reshuffle reduces the immediate strains on the relationship between the government and the African National Congress. After the demolition of law and order minister Adrian Vlok and defence minister Magnus Malan, the ANC can resume negotiations without loss of face. At the same time, the demotions said to be "at the request of the ANC" are likely to weaken Mr de Klerk's support within the white community.

One of the changes leads to a by-election, which the government is likely to lose to the Conservatives. President de Klerk clearly had this threat in mind in his polished and carefully structured and televised address last night. To South African whites the main message was that the interim government demanded by the ANC is not imminent.

Inkathagate is both more and less important than it has been made to appear. Its effect upon the present phase of negotiations is a flash in the pan, but the transactions it has revealed put in doubt the possibility of a peaceful transition to a non-racial society.

Most people here, however, have been taking this pretty calmly. The secret funding by a government of illegal violence, up to and including murder, is more heinous in principle than condoning burglary on the premises of a political party. Yet I am not given the impression that any large constituency of white South Africans is as shocked by Inkathagate as most Americans were by Watergate. Liberals are shocked, naturally, but then, liberals in South Africa are in a condition of permanent shock.

President de Klerk's own constituency, the Afrikaners, appeared to think better of him for backing Inkathagate against the ANC, just as they will think worse of him for having demoted two ministers in the ensuing scandal. Inkathagate is different from Watergate in that it is seen — by Afrikaners and some other whites — as part of the defence of a people. Watergate, on the other hand, was motivated solely by the personal ambition of a president. The covert acts of the de Klerk government were perceived as motivated by considerations of public policy, under conditions which have been described as "low intensity civil war" in mid-

Natal, and latent civil war in the rest of the country. Those considerations are enduring, and far more important than any face-saving reshuffle.

Mr de Klerk's supporters do not see his government's support of Inkathagate — and the collusion by his police in Inkathagate's acts of violence against the ANC — as necessarily incompatible with his negotiations with the ANC. They see the ANC as needing to be softened up if they are to be induced to accept a share in power instead of insisting on a complete takeover.

On the ANC side, the response has been muted. Nelson Mandela's absence in Cuba during what is supposed to be a grave political trauma registers a high degree of insouciance — especially when one considers that the revelations of Inkathagate prove charges the ANC has been making for many months.

Yet the ANC leaders have made little of this. For Mr de Klerk remains indispensable as their potential partner. And Inkathagate tends to empower the leaders' most dangerous political enemies within their own movement: the young radicals who will be crying "sell-out" at the first proper signs of agreement between the government and the ANC leaders. This means that the ANC leaders have no interest in prolonging the furor over Inkathagate.

I believe that South Africa may now be headed towards some form of multi-racial government, but not towards democracy, at least in the present century. The de Klerk government is willing to accord to the ANC a considerable share in power, but not all or even most of the power. Given a good offer, the ANC is likely to accept, in the hope of more. Those who accept this share will be denounced from the left, but will probably weather that storm.

The new power-sharing institutions will attempt to exert stricter control over the security forces but they are unlikely to be successful. Even the present government is not in full control of that, as is increasingly apparent. The chances that civilian control, in such circumstances, will actually weaken are, however, quite high. Military government, whether before or after non-racial elections, remains on the cards.

Dead doctrines rarely lie down

Communism is officially dead. The central committee of the Soviet Communist Party has approved President Gorbachev's policy document abandoning all the sacred tenets of the faith. Communist parties across Eastern Europe are turning themselves into agents of social democracy. The global bankruptcy of marxism is our most self-evident truth: the new age of the end of ideology is beginning.

Or is it? We should recall that the last such prediction, the argument of the American political scientist Daniel Bell in 1960, that the world had emerged from the shadow of the grand systems of ideas which had disrupted it in the 20th century, was followed by two decades in which marxist ideology and revolutionary practice experienced an astonishing and unpredictable resurgence. Ideologies seldom fade away just to oblige a bored or traumatised humanity. How do they end?

Generally, of course, they end through the total collapse in war of the political system that was their vehicle. Yet wholesale defeats are rare, and we err if we take 1945 as the norm: the military extinction of National Socialism, the execution of its leaders, the proscription of their doctrine and the re-education of whole populations in the values of the victors is almost unique. Marxian socialism has never experienced such a wiping of the slate.

By comparison with the defeat of Germany (or Italy, or Japan), the end of the Soviet empire in Eastern Europe looks more like a tactical withdrawal to preserve the ideological integrity of the homeland. The history of Roman Catholicism offers a parallel. Despite the intellectual erosion of the Reformation, Catholicism survived as a viable force, indeed revitalised by the achievements of the Counter-Reformation, because it had a power base in Spain, France and the Habsburg Empire. The Soviet Union remains such a base for socialism.

Second, an ideology may end when a new ideology sweeps it away, winning adherents by a more powerful analysis or a higher moral ideal. American republicanism after 1776 and French Jacobinism after 1789 had such a positive appeal: even so, each was able to achieve a degree of ideological uniformity only by the expropriation, flight or execution of large numbers of loyalists. So it was in Russia in 1917; but no such



The summit has dismissed communism, but the creed will linger on the West argues Jonathan Clark

'Hail to the workers, peasants and Soviet power': 70 years on, only Western intellectuals cling to marxism

process in reverse is in prospect in 1991, and the appeal of social democracy is that it is ideologically undemanding — indeed undefined — not that it can topple Marx or Lenin with more powerful prophets.

Third, ideologies may fade away when enough people believe them to be outdated or irrelevant. Yet this, too, seldom happens. Philosophers such as A.J. Ayer and Karl Popper have wrongly persuaded us to think of ideologies as technologies, subject to obsolescence because subject to a verification principle. In real life, ideology defines what the "objective" circumstances are; circumstances do not judge the relevance of the ideologies. If enough Rus-

sians wish to see in marxism an embodiment of their ideals, there is little to stop them.

Fourth, ideologies die when their clothes are stolen by others. The Stuart doctrines of divine, indefeasible, hereditary right were remarkably persistent: David Hume confessed the failure of philosophical scepticism alone to dissolve them. They finally lost their appeal in England when the trappings of a strong, divinely sanctioned monarchy were appropriated by the Hanoverians. But this was a hollow victory: within 10 years of the accession of George III, his rule was being denounced in all the old terms of popery and arbitrary power. However sincere Wilkites or American rebels were

in this perception, they proved in dramatic fashion that a new establishment is not immune from the objections levelled at the old. Looked at more closely, Mr Gorbachev's plan is to abandon marxism-leninism, not socialism; if so how much will change remains to be seen. Perhaps the best analogy is with utilitarianism in 19th-century Britain: hugely dominant at its peak, it finally reverted to the truisms of which it consisted before Bentham turned them into an ideology. Socialism too may be more influential as truism than as doctrine.

We take for granted the demise of National Socialism, and puzzle over the survival of marxian socialism, because English empiri-

cists have persuaded us to see ideologies as coherent, interlocking systems which shatter if central elements are effectively questioned. Historians have a different view: they generally discover that systems of ideas begin earlier and survive later than rationality or convenience demand, and that the strategies of their supporters increasingly shield doctrines from practical engagement.

Too many intellectuals had invested too much in marxism to admit in any simple way a practical connection between their ideology and, say, Stalin's crimes. As with pre-Copernican cosmology, too many values can be bound up with doctrines for men to subject them to verification. So some ideologies are rescued from refutation by being turned into something closer to religions.

Freudianism has undergone this transformation since the 1960s; so did liberalism in the late 19th century, but so long ago that no one can now remember what the specific predictions and verifiable claims of the young doctrine were. So liberalism, freudianism and marxism can all survive as liturgies, as consolations, as demarcators of the faithful from the heterodox, and as sources of anathemas, long after their opponents have ceased to treat them as claims to scientific truth.

Marxists now boast that marxism was born in Western Europe, and depends more on what happens here — and indeed in America — than on its fate in the Soviet Union. The large number of marxists and marxist intellectuals who repose unchallenged in that uniquely insulated institution, the Western university, is good evidence for this. Leninism and stalinism, they argue, were vulgar doctrines, not consequences of their more elevated beliefs. The resurgence of Western marxism is the force of its moral critique of capitalism, its vision of human emancipation, and its usefulness as an analytical framework; these guarantee its survival. To Daniel Bell's *The End of Ideology*, the 1980s replied with Quentin Skinner's collection entitled *The Return of Grand Theory in the Human Sciences*, which showed that academics are as hungry as ever for systems of thought. With the intelligentsia of that mind, it is only a matter of time before it finds such a system — or revives one.

...and moreover ALAN COREN

Up betimes this morning, thanks to the Provencal sun currently being so hot so early that the crack of a warping shutter puts a warning meteorological shot across your bows at around 7am, I immediately discovered the need to sort out some serious wood-abuse of my own. For *guelue de bois* is what the French call a hangerover, and mine was oaken: unable even to bid my wife good morning, I hobbled into the bathroom, filled the tub with cold water, and fell in.

Slowly, hypoglycemia worked its little miracles: blood pumped, nerves twitched, joints eased, brain cleared, eyes opened. And it was all pretty good, until that last bit. That last bit was very bad. It was so bad that the eyes shut again. Each now had an image on the inner lid. The cleared brain said, "Tell me it is only a pair of thighs or a piece of rope", but the eyes weren't having any. They knew what they knew. They opened again, and the brain threw in the sponge. It knew too.

It was not as if it hadn't been warned. For the past few days, the local media had exercised themselves over little else: thanks to the mild spring, the snakes had bred in unprecedented millions, and thanks to the broiling summer, they were as unprecedentedly getting out and about. Because it is so hot, they like basking in the sun. We must not walk through grass in bare feet or open sandals. Fine. But because it is so hot, they also like not basking in the sun. Sometimes they like basking in

the shade. You never know where you are with snakes. Except when you are in the bath, when you know exactly where you are with them. Cut off from the door. Since I could now open my *guelue*, I debated calling out to my wife, but I did not know whether snakes had ears, and what they might do if they heard anything with them to which exception might be taken. I realised, indeed, how little I knew about snakes generally; I did not even know if they jumped into baths.

The sole reassurance offered by the French media was that snakes were more afraid of me than I was of them, but who would believe that? Why would it be afraid of me? Did it think I was going to slither out of the bath and sink my fangs into it? Was it terrified of ending up in some intensive care unit? Was it worried how its dependants would get its coffin back to England, never mind all the paperwork?

If it was afraid of me, it was putting a pretty relaxed face on things.

It lay by the wall, coiled like a Danish pastry, rubbing its head on the tiles and doing that thing with its tongue that you really don't want to watch it doing for too long. When I finally called out, it didn't react. At least, I couldn't see it react. It might have been thinking, "Hello, there is something here more afraid of me than I am of it".

Why is there never a mongoose around when you need one? So my wife, a model of *sang froid* when it comes to being on the other side of the door from a

snake, phoned *le mairie*, who have an emergency line. I heard snatching, giggling, the sort of jolly exclamation that makes you feel ten times more isolated than ever, and then she called out: "Could it be an *orvet* or a *culeuvre*?"

I explained briefly what I knew about snakes, hardly shrieking at all.

She fetched a dictionary. "They want to know if it could be a slow-worm or grass-snake."

I again explained, even more briefly, what I knew about snakes.

"They say they are very pressed, and won't come out if it's harmless, which 99 per cent are," she called. "What do you want me to do?"

I glanced at what could have been the 1 per cent. "I want you to look up cobra in the bloody dictionary," I shouted, "and get them round here NOW! If you can't find cobra, try mamba."

There was more nattering after that, and more giggling, and she rang off, and said that what I had to do was soak a bath towel until it was really heavy, then chuck it over the snake, run out of the room and slam the door, and they would come round and deal with it.

Absent by design

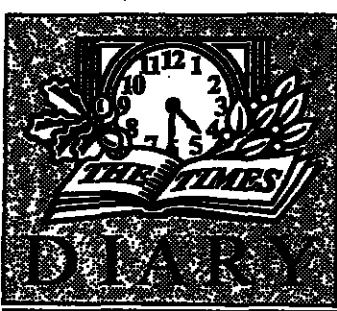
The world and his opera-loving wife battled through the rain to hear Pavarotti in Hyde Park last night. But what of those who said *non, grazie*, to the Italian tenor? Box offices in London struggled to tempt the reduced pool of culture vultures to their shows.

Friends of Covent Garden were offered seats out from £50 to £20 for the Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of *Hobson's Choice*. But the manoeuvre might have been unnecessary. Philip Bernard, a banker, said: "I have no wish to go to Pavarotti. It is a bun-fight as far as I am concerned. I would rather queue all night for opera house tickets next year when he performs Rodolfo in *La Bohème*."

Martin Healy, a taxi-driver, had been to Hyde Park four times, but he was not happy. "I have been stuck in traffic for hours."

Less than a mile from the Pavarotti jamboree, the Albert Hall welcomed the public to a prom concert by the Norwegian Chamber Orchestra. "We have sold two-thirds of our tickets for tonight," said the orchestra. Jona Brown, who conducts the orchestra, was unfazed by the competition across the park. "She feels that a different kind of audience goes to Pavarotti," said a friend. A different kind of audience, too, turned out to the Barbican Centre for the star attraction: a physical therapy conference.

However, one policeman was so keen to hear the tenor that he was prepared to go behind bars. Scotland Yard received an unusual request from an officer in Scotland, who wanted to spend the night in the Hyde Park police station cells after the concert. "We turned him down," said a duty officer. "I think we will need all the space we can get."



● The Society of Motor Manufacturers' yesterday excluded motoring correspondents from its press conference on job losses. Labour correspondents were invited, instead, while publications such as Car Magazine and Auto Express were excluded. "We thought only labour correspondents would want to write about job losses," says the society. Motoring correspondents are not impressed. "They think we only want to know about the performance of the latest Ford Sierra," wailed one journalist forced to sit outside.

As the first anniversary of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait approaches, the country's embassy in London is planning to mark the event with an exhibition of photographs of Gulf war atrocities. John Major and Mrs Thatcher have been invited to attend the opening on Friday of *Saddam's Crimes Against Kuwait*, a graphic and sometimes shocking reminder of the conflict.

One of the highlights of the exhibition at the World Trade Centre, which will be opened by Ghazi Alrayes, the Kuwaiti ambassador, will be the first showing of a 40-minute interview with Mrs Thatcher shot last week for Kuwaiti television. The film will be relayed to 26 other countries running similar exhibitions. Many Kuwaitis saw Mrs Thatcher

cher, not John Major or President Bush, as the real saviour of their country. Alawadi Sulaiman, the interviewer, says: "Mrs Thatcher is highly respected in Kuwait. Our people think the liberation began when Mrs Thatcher met George Bush in Aspen. Everyone will be watching."

The 350 colour and black-and-white prints include a section of "Kuwait's Martyrs and the Instruments of Torture", housed within a restricted area which comes with a health warning. "It is shocking," says a spokesman for the embassy. "It will be too much for some people to stomach."

After one week in London, the exhibition will move to Edinburgh. The embassy says: "The images of the war are beginning to fade. The exhibition portrays barbaric oppression inflicted upon the people of Kuwait more vividly than any words could explain."

Scots were improperly dressed. Cardinal Virgilio Noe, who is in charge of the Basilica, has assured Scotsmen that kilts are welcome in a letter to Father John McIntyre, rector of the Pontifical Scots College in Rome. The last time men in kilts played the bagpipes at the Holy See was for the canonisation of John Ogilvie, the Scottish priest and martyr, in 1976. Tom Watson, of Lanarkshire, had just had an audience with the Pope when he was turned away from the Basilica. He says: "I'm delighted those Vatican guards now know exactly how important a kilt is."

Steely silence? Irish Republicans planning a parade to mark the 20th anniversary of internment next month have run into an unexpected snag. The spread of the plastic wheeze-bin, which has now overtaken old-style galvanised steel dustbins in both Belfast and Londonderry, threatens the vital aural accompaniment. The old steel bin lids were banged together in warning by housewives and children in the initial internment swoop on Republican areas on August 9, 1971 — and so many raids in the years that followed.

The organisers of the march plan to have a tinno beaten out on hundreds of tin lids to recall the 1971 raid. But bin-lids are proving hard to find, and the few that remain are regarded in Republican circles as mementoes. A local community group, 20/20, has come to the rescue and ordered several hundred lids to be specially manufactured — without the bins.

Labour party members have been given an unusual incentive to dig deeper to pay for the general election campaign. Roy Hattersley, in a letter to all members, tempts them to part with more money by offering a free, signed copy of In that Quiet Earth, his latest book. Who could refuse?

They could use a few kilts around here

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CLEANER CAR TAXES

Three months ago, when the CBI reported a sharp improvement in business confidence after the Gulf war, the Chancellor commended the favourable Industrial Trends Survey as the most reliable precursor of economic recovery. After the CBI's grim quarterly survey published yesterday, less will presumably be heard from the Treasury about this particular leading indicator.

Even assuming that the Treasury is right and the industrialists are wrong about the imminence of recovery, there was another cry of economic distress yesterday which should attract the Chancellor's attention. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) predicted that another 40,000 jobs would be lost in the car industry in the next 12 months, on top of the 28,500 jobs that have gone in the past year. In all, the motor industry will cut its labour force by 13 per cent in two years. Car sales in Britain are likely to fall by 35 per cent compared with their 1989 peak. Even the boost to output provided by Japanese manufacturers and surging exports to Germany will disappear by the second half of this year, the SMMT says. In summary, the worst of recession may still lie ahead for Britain's biggest manufacturing sector.

The motor industry's appeal for "measures" is likely to fall on deaf ears. Politically, the British car lobby has been its own worst enemy. The industry's rapacious pricing practices, its dependence on company car-tax perks, its knee-jerk support for road construction and its opposition to tighter air pollution standards have not endeared it to the public. Yet this time, the motor manufacturers have a good point. Their case is not for short-term measures to boost the market, but for a long-term reassessment of the way Britain taxes its cars.

At present there are three special taxes on private cars in Britain: duty on motor fuel, which raises about £10 billion a year; the annual vehicle excise duty of £100 which collects about £2.3 billion from private cars; and the special 10 per cent car purchase tax on new cars. This yields the Treasury £1.5

billion in a normal year. The motor manufacturers' main gripe against the present tax regime is that the 10 per cent car tax discourages new car purchases. They have repeatedly called on the Treasury to reduce it or eliminate it entirely, if necessary recouping the lost revenue by raising the excise tax on petrol.

This demand is entirely justified but not because of the spurious argument that it would preserve jobs by boosting car sales and production. Indeed, it might reduce jobs, because more new cars means fewer old cars, which require more labour-intensive maintenance. As the environment secretary, Michael Heseltine, is apparently urging, the main argument for switching from car tax to petrol duties is environmental. The more taxes are loaded onto the costs of running cars, the better for the environment, which suffers from cars being driven, not cars being bought. New cars are also more likely to take unleaded petrol, improving air quality.

A large increase in duty — around 25 pence per gallon — would be needed to pay for the abolition of car tax. Ideally, the road tax, too, should be abolished and replaced with even higher petrol prices, though the increase in petrol duties to accomplish both reforms — at around 60 pence a gallon — might be too much for motorists to stomach in a single Budget.

A secondary reason for abolishing the car tax is broad fiscal neutrality. The car tax is a leftover from the economic policy baggage of the 1960s — the "luxury" rates of purchase tax, the split-level VAT rates and hire purchase controls which were rightly thrown out in the earliest days of the Thatcher revolution. Car tax, and ultimately road tax as well, should be accorded the same unceremonious treatment. So eventually should the remaining tax advantages of the company car, which again serve only to distort the market. Abolishing car tax might not entirely silence the injured bleatings of the car industry, but it would in the long run be good both for Britain's environment and for its economy.

POLICING YUGOSLAVIA

European Community intervention in Yugoslavia has so far been justified by results. The ceasefire in Slovenia agreed on July 7 under EC auspices has held. The small, hastily assembled monitoring team dispatched there has performed modest but useful tasks, sitting in on meetings and calming tempers on both sides. But in Slovenia, both sides were glad of an excuse to back away from confrontation. In offering to extend their monitoring offices to Croatia, EC ministers have committed themselves to a far harder and riskier task.

The aim is the same: to prevent all-out civil war and buy time for a negotiated dissolution of the Yugoslav federation. The federal prime minister, Ante Markovic, has earned the right to a sympathetic hearing in Brussels. He has played an impossible hand with a steadiness and moderation which put the leaders of both Serbia and Croatia to shame. In Belgrade, the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic demands a third of Croatia, part of Bosnia-Herzegovina and possibly Macedonia as Serbia's price for the breakup of the federation. In Zagreb, President Franjo Tudjman has publicly advocated redrawing the Serbo-Croat frontiers and partitioning Bosnia-Herzegovina. Both "solutions" are deeply irresponsible, recipes for bloodshed on a scale far exceeding anything seen in Croatia so far.

By offering to extend its mediation, however, the EC is in effect throwing its weight behind an almost fatally weakened federal civilian authority. Tactically, this may be the least bad alternative. Certainly it beats yielding to the German pressure to give Croatia the outright support which would make Balkan peace even more elusive. But the promise to send up to 300 civilian monitors to Croatia is an ill thought-out compromise between mediation and the far more serious step of mounting a peacekeeping operation.

The EC has attached conditions. A ceasefire must first be agreed by all parties, policed by joint patrols of the Yugoslav federal army and the Croatian national

guard. These patrols would also act as security guards for the monitors. Units not so engaged, whether federal or Croatian, would withdraw to barracks. But Yugoslavia's civil war is only beginning and hatreds are freshly honed. Yesterday's reported use of "human shields" by Serbian Chetnik militias underlines that substantial forces will be needed to replace the federal army, whose efforts to hold the ring have been bitterly criticised not only in the Croatian press but in the Serbian media. And fighting could easily break out within the units supposed to be policing the truce.

To be worth sending at all, the monitors must be on the faultlines of conflict. They will be no use sitting in Zagreb or Belgrade. In these conditions of extreme bitterness, the ceasefire will break down in some areas. The observers must be capable of allocating blame. That means knowing whether the cause is infiltration by armed militias from Serbia, subversion by either the federal army or the Croatian guard, or a containable incident of local score-settling.

This is no job for diplomatic amateurs, most of whom will not speak Serbo-Croatian. It is a task for observers with extensive military experience, backed by professional interpreters. The EC has no military dimension, no mandate to recruit such a team. There must be a suspicion that the desire to demonstrate that the EC can undertake peacekeeping has taken precedence over sense. Once the EC is committed to keeping peace in Yugoslavia, to fail would be dangerous for all Europe.

For the sake of EC harmony, the British government appears to have dropped its earlier preference for a properly protected monitoring team with military backup, under the auspices of the Western European Union. If the EC troika mission returns from Yugoslavia with agreement on a ceasefire, it will have done more than enough. The right team must then be recruited. It should be frankly military in its competence. That is a job for the WEU, not Brussels.

SALVATION BY BEER ALONE

With Welshmen drowning their sorrows at the state of their rugby it was hardly charitable of the Welsh Baptist church to choose this moment to demand abstinence. The church's annual conference, meeting yesterday, unanimously condemned Welsh rugby's dominance by the brewing industry as the cause of the game's recent troubles.

Such extreme counsel of despair is the measure of Wales's rugby plight, but not necessarily of its route out of the mire. From the Triple Crown in 1988 and nearly a Grand Slam, the team has seen an apparently unstoppable decline. Its latest entry in the rugby books records is the worst ever defeat of a national side by a provincial one, New South Wales's 71-8 victory over the Welsh tourists two weeks ago. This was followed by the humiliation of a 63-6 defeat by Australia. During the tour there was a spot of drink associated with a flare-up of after-game bad temper in the team, from which the clergy have been drawing too ready a conclusion.

If anything the bonds between the liquid and the game could prove Welsh rugby's salvation rather than its ruin. Club teams have long accepted help from local brewers, both in cash and in subsidies at the bar. Well-oiled rugby crowds know how to behave: even violence between players fails to inflame them into hooliganism. Tradition demands that pints sweated out in play should

be put back in plenty, with added nutrients. Beer is the proud rugby-man's drink, and "Schhh..." is the only possible response to the name of the soft-drink sponsor of the Welsh knock-out competition.

Two years ago the English clubs showed Welsh rugby the way forward with a three-year sponsorship deal with Courage, worth £2.1 million. Last year the Welsh followed, with a three-year £1.65 million deal with Heineken, the lager brewer. Scottish rugby has a similar arrangement with McEwan's. Thanks to such sponsorship, rugby union is now organised, like football, in leagues. Far from driving the game deeper into drink, the beneficence is making this amateur game less amateurish, and gradually moving rugby towards a more carefully athletic approach to physical condition.

Athletes, the hot-house flowers of sport, have long limited their alcohol intake. Emulating their brothers of the track, the England national rugby team now puts itself into quarantine from strong drink and red meat before every match. Fitness and abstinence, not an enormous beer gut, are what modern top rugby is about. If Welsh rugby is at fault, it is for not following the English to the breweries sooner. Had Wales done so, its players might be more professional and its clerics' attention returned from matters spiritual to matters spiritual.

Fisheries ruling may affect quota

From Lord Campbell of Croy

The recent judgment of the European Court on the Merchant Shipping Act and fishing boats (report and leading article, July 26) has illuminated a disturbing paradox within the EC.

The court has had the task of interpreting the present state of law applying to discrimination against other nationalities and has found in favour of Spanish boats attempting to be British. The common fisheries policy (CFP), however, allocates to member states annual quotas of the species of fish which need catch limits for their conservation. It thereby carries out deliberate discrimination between nationalities for sound reasons.

That quota system will now become ineffective and lose respect because the Spanish vessels will be able to fish for the UK fishing fleet. No doubt this "quota-hopping" will increase and be extended elsewhere.

It is depressing to reflect that the CFP was achieved only after long and arduous negotiations, repeated when Spain and Portugal entered the EC, and that it will be very difficult to agree upon a revised conservation policy which will be workable.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF CROY,
Holme Rose,
Cawdor, Nairn.
July 27.

From Mr S. J. Swaby

The European Court decision in favour of the 95 owners of Spanish vessels for whom my firm acted may signal the new era of genuine competition which we were led to believe was promised by the European Community. On the other hand (and perhaps this is saying the same thing in a different way) it may destroy the wonderful old British way in which we have always done things.

What surprised me was your resort in the leading article to invective ("Spanish fishing cheats"). The Spaniards are no more "cheats" than the British insurance industry which wants a bigger share of Germany's insurance industry or the British car manufacturers who want to sell more cars to the French.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. SWABY,
Thomas Cooper & Stibbard,
52 Leadenhall Street, EC3,
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Beneath but not below

From the Archbishop of Liverpool

Sir, Your leader on July 23, "Deep non-federal waters", suggests, as an acceptable version of the principle of subsidiarity, that "the EC should only do what a national government cannot do on its own, just as a national government should only do what a local government cannot do for themselves, and so on down to individuals".

In the same issue George Brock reports from Brussels that the very concept of subsidiarity, allegedly the brainchild of Pope Pius XI, has been abandoned by Whitehall and the European Community. This is sur-

Closed Hess files

From Mr Rupert Allason, MP for Torbay (Conservative)

Sir, What could be more preposterous? Fifty years after an episode of enormous historical importance an author writes an important book about it, based on archival material released in Moscow and Washington. Then your correspondence columns (July 17, etc.) are filled with conflicting opinion from various sources, the author, a serving KGB officer, the son of the leading Nazi at the centre of the incident, several historians and a government minister whose father happens to have participated in it.

The issue at stake is whether a British intelligence agency deliberately lured Rudolf Hess to Scotland in May 1941. Despite your correspondence, and the volumes of earlier controversy, we are scarcely closer to the truth.

The whole matter could be cleared up overnight by the release

Siege machine

From Mr Stephen Sampson

Sir, The artist who drew a trebuchet for your article on medieval siege engines on July 20 was woefully misinformed. As Mr Harris (July 25) points out, a very heavy counterweight provided the impulsion and the sling not only carried the missile but increased its velocity. The arm was hauled down into the firing position by windlasses.

A trebuchet's main use was to batter a breach in a castle wall; it could be very accurate and the point of impact varied from shot to shot. The adjustments necessary to do this were well understood by my uncle, the late J. S. Sampson, MA, of Dartmouth College, who wrote the book, *The Trebuchet*, in 1964. He was a highly proficient in the use of his various working models of medieval siege weapons.

These still exist, though in need of repair, and might help to complete the understanding of those Welshmen demonstrating how to besiege Caernarfon Castle. A few of the cadets may also still exist and be willing to act as instructors.

Yours faithfully,
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Setting a curb on the circuit system

From Mr Robert Seabrook, QC

Sir, Frances Gibb's report (July 25) that the government is considering curtailing the circuit system under which High Court judges go out into the provinces to try the most serious cases adds a further dimension to the concerns expressed by the Lord Chief Justice and by the Chairman of the Bar about the growing number of such cases now being tried by judges other than High Court judges.

Litigants in the provinces are every bit as entitled to the services and expertise of a High Court judge as those in London. And the most serious and complicated criminal cases ought to be tried locally by judges of the highest order.

The proposals would have other undesirable consequences. They could lead to almost all civil and criminal cases of any substance in any particular part of the country being tried by the same handful of locally based lower-tier circuit judges for years on end.

This would be most unsatisfactory. The judges would become increasingly isolated. A valuable source of contact with what is going on in London and elsewhere — and equally valuable regular reminders that no one judge sets the standards or tone of any court — would be lost.

Lawyers have no self-interest in resisting these proposals. The gen-

eral public, I suggest, most certainly does.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SEABROOK,
Leader, South Eastern Circuit,
1 Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4.

From Mr J. G. Ross Martyn

Sir, Your leading article of July 11 ("Injudicious language") on Lord Lane's speech at the Mansion House was surely unfair to him, and to the public. Your news report of the same date quotes him as saying:

Such is the shortage of High Court judges that deputies are perforce trying cases involving £1 million or more, medical negligence, and other cases which they should not properly be trying at all.

Lord Lane was asserting as a matter of policy that some civil cases are so important or difficult that they ought only to be tried by full-time High Court judges. He was also asserting as a matter of fact that some such cases are not being so tried.

If you dispute either of these assertions, especially the policy one, your comments might be interesting and perhaps useful. But if you dispute neither of them, you must surely agree that Lord Lane had a duty to say what he did, if not at a dinner then elsewhere in public.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. ROSS MARTYN,
9 Golf Road,
Bickley, Bromley, Kent.

Lively in Lisbon

From the Reverend Robert Ellis

Sir, As 1992 approaches the Church of England does indeed ignore at its peril one of its largest dioceses — that of the Diocese of Europe (article, "Faith in a foreign land", July 16).

Last year, I went to serve as temporary chaplain of St George's, Lisbon and St Paul's, Estoril. I expected to find reactionary congregations tied to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, carping about Portugal and reminiscing about England, drinking gin all day and not wanting to do anything. I heartily believed that the Anglican Church should not be wasting its time and resources in Europe.

Every one of my presuppositions was completely overturned. Instead, I found two of the liveliest congregations I have ever encountered, with the best church plant of any parish I have ever worked in.

The Sunday school was overflowing and growing; the congregations were actively involved in vital social work; lay people were having to lead worship from necessity because the

alternative was no worship and the sermons were better than many a vicar's. They were not living off dead men's money as we in English parishes do due to the Church Commissioners.

The congregation is entirely responsible for paying its clergy, building its churches, buying a chaplaincy house and which parochial church council in this country could decide within ten minutes to purchase a new chaplaincy car? The laity really do take responsibility for their own church and financing and it injects a vigour which is vital.

The chaplaincy was not the last bastion of Englishness, but an English-speaking church where the congregation represented every corner of the English-speaking world. Its very internationalism made you feel you really belonged to a catholic church.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ELLIS,
The Pump House, Jack's Lane,
Marchington, Uttoxeter,
Staffordshire.

local government, the principle is still alive, well and highly relevant in ecclesiastical usage. The new ecumenical bodies, replacing the British Council of Churches, and aiming to service and relate local, regional and national initiatives in the promotion of Christian unity, have wisely avoided the creation of a super-church by embodying the principle of subsidiarity in their structure and relationships.

More than a "buzz-word" only a Pope could understand", I fancy.

Yours truly,
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87 Green Lane,
Mossley Hill, Liverpool 18.

Control of falconry

From Dr Nick Fox

Sir, A report on falconry by the League Against Cruel Sports (details, July 22) is out-of-date, misleading and, in places, incorrect.

No birds of prey have been taken under licence from the wild for falconry since 1988; falconry is entirely self-sufficient using domestic-bred raptors. The live birds of prey sold in the 1980s were domestic, not wild, and were sold legally. Falconry is heavily controlled and the Department of the Environment's stance has been strictly in accordance with the EC birds directive.

An average total of 322 common protected birds are taken under licence each year by falconers; equivalent to one bird per hawk-keeper every 18 years. In contrast, the average cat-owner, wittingly or unwittingly, accounts for 16 small birds and mammals, indiscriminately and unlicensed, every year; a countrywide total of 90 million.

Yours faithfully,
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The Hawk Board,
59 Kennington Road, SE1.

Sorting out samphire

From Dr G. L. Bolt

Sir, Our samphire, an Anglicism of l'herbe de St Pierre (report and photograph, July 25) is, though similarly edible, entirely unrelated to the rock samphire (*Critheum maritimum*).

Shakespeare's gatherers would have been clambering about on cliffs in the south and west, not splashing in the mud of East Anglia.

I am glad to report that there is a local gatherer who sells his stock from a horse and cart in the streets of Lynn, crying: "Any samphire you ladies?" I look forward to giving some to Judge Head, who spoke of the risk of prosecution for gathering the plant, when next he lurches with me.

Yours truly,
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King's Lynn, Norfolk.

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Perils in funding political parties

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, Eric Hammond's letter (July 26) on the state-funding of political parties has superficial attractions. However, he is wrong to suggest that "were industry and trade unions to stop their political spending, then our democratic system would be in chaos".

Taking the whole of the Conservative party, i.e., both Central Office and the local Conservative associations, only a small percentage is directly donated by industry. An important contribution but not critical.

On the other hand stopping the trade unions' contributions to the Labour party may well reduce that party to chaos. Is, therefore, the plea for state-funding a case of special pleading? Once started where would it end? Would the funds involved become greater and greater? Private fund raising would become much more difficult.

It seems to me that like many of the Labour party's policies their solution to the problem is to throw public money at it. Do we really want nationalised political parties?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. STRAFFORD (Treasurer,
Wessex Area Conservatives),
Perenna, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire,
July 29.

From Mr Michael Upton

Sir, Eric Hammond calls for public funding for political parties. I disagree. Political parties are private associations that have no claim for support from the public. Mr Hammond says that if they could not sell their favours, then they would collapse. If that is so, then we may be forgiven for thinking it would be for the better if they did.

To fund the parties publicly would simply be a further step towards the formal establishment of government by state-registered interest groups and corporations, to the exclusion of men and women of independent mind who belong to no lobby and no party.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL UPTON,
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July 26.

NHS changes

From Dr A. K. Clarke

Sir, Dr John Marks (July 19) asserts that patients are being turned away from clinics because their health authorities do not have contracts with that particular hospital and that extra-contractual arrangements are not available.

I am clinical director of a special-interest NHS trust hospital that accepts 20 per cent of its patients from health authorities with which it does not hold contracts. We have not had a single reasonable request refused by a health authority. I speak with many health authorities and they all agree that if a patient was attending a hospital before the new system was introduced in April such extra-contractual referrals will always be authorised.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
A. K. CLARKE,
Royal National Hospital
for Rheumatic Diseases,
Upper Borough Walls,
Bath, Avon,
July 26.

Rule Britannia

From Mr Geoffrey Harding

Sir, Lord Gladwyn's statement (July 25) that no "British citizen" exists had me frantically searching first through my passport and next through the British Nationality Act 1981.

My passport reassured me as to my existence as a British citizen and the act as to the legal status of British citizenship.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY HARDING,
Wildes (Solicitors),
Queensbridge House,
60 Upper Thames Street, EC4,
July 25.

Parish costs

From Mr P. Hughes

Sir, It is right that each parish should pay its share (letters, July 19, 26) but many parishioners would ask whether the church's budgets could not be pruned.

Is it essential for the General Synod to meet three times a year? Does each diocese have to employ so many non-parochial staff?

Yours sincerely,
P. HUGHES,
73 Suckling Green Lane,
Codsall, Wolverhampton,
July 26.

Cheaper by air

From Mr Oliver Walston

Sir, As holidaymakers struggle with high-season air fares it may come as some encouragement to know that it is still possible to travel cheaply in some parts of the world. Last week I flew the 4,500 miles from Vladivostok to Moscow and paid the standard fare of 194 roubles. At today's tourist exchange rate of 27 roubles to the dollar, my ticket cost me £4.50.

On my return to Gatwick the train to Victoria station cost £7.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER WALSTON,
Thriplow Farm,
Thriplow, Cambridge,
July 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 30: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 30: The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the Gagehouse Project, Renfrew Road, London SW11.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 30: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, received Mr David Landale (Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall).

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 30: The Princess of Wales today visited Cwyd and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cwyd (Sir William Gladstone, BA).

KENSINGTON PALACE

Her Royal Highness visited

Monsanto plc, near Rusbou,

Wrexham.

Subsequently The Princess of Wales visited the Kings Mill Interpretation Centre, Wrexham.

Finally, Her Royal Highness opened the Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre, Croesnewydd Road, Wrexham.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attended a concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Jean McFadden (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow).

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 30: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today visited the 1st Battalion at Campbell Barracks, Hohen, Germany.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

Mrs Paul Mowatt, daughter of Prince Alexander and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, celebrates her birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Ken Barrington Centre at the Oval cricket ground at 2.45. The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Admiral's Cup series reception, Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes, at 6.10.

Birthdays today

Mr S.J.R. Bedford, conductor, 52; Mrs Evonne Cawley, tennis player, 40; Viscount Churchill, 57; Sir Trenchard Cox, former director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 86; Mr Brooke Crutchfield, former Printer to Cambridge University, 84; Mr Norman Del Mar, conductor, 72; Mr Jonathan Dimbleby, broadcaster, 47; Professor Milton Friedman, economist, 79; Mr Frank Giles, former editor, *The Sunday Times*, 72; Mr Richard Greenbury, chief executive, Marks & Spencer, 55; Mr Justice Hirst, 66; Mr Brian Inglis, author and broadcaster, 75; Mr Ralph Kohn, stage designer, 67; Miss Mary Luyten, writer, 83; Mr Justice MacCallough, 60; Justice Norman Negus, 55; Mr Peter Nichols, playwright, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett, 78; Mr Anthony Scrivenor, QC, Chairman of the Bar, 56; Professor R.W. Soel, former vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 76; Lord Thomas of Gwydyr, 76; Sir Geoffrey Tory, diplomat, 79.

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden

The life barony conferred upon Sir Norman Somerville Macfarlane, Knight, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Macfarlane of Bearsden, in the District of the City of Glasgow.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.P. Anselmi and Miss E.E. Rether. The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.J. Anselmi, of Pio Pio, North Island, New Zealand, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.K. Rether, of Inverclyde and Grange, Longford, Derbyshire.

Mr M.F. Beamish and Miss J. Beecroft. The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Air Vice Marshal and Mrs C.H. Beamish, of East Kent, Lincolnshire, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Beecroft, of Kensington, London.

Mr L.A. Best and Miss E.B.D. Winchester. The engagement is announced between Lloyd, only son of Mr and Mrs Allan Best, of Dundee, and Emma, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Winchester, of High an Ulk, Innerleithen, Peeblesshire.

Mr J.E.H. Blackwell and Miss P.J. O'Hara. The engagement is announced between John Eury Hay, elder son of the late Mr J.E. Blackwell and of Mrs E. Blackwell, of Trowan, Crieff, Perthshire, and Philippa Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. O'Hara, of The Close, Salisbury.

Mr S.J. Burton and Miss J.S. Aeron-Thomas. The engagement is announced between Steve, son of Mr and Mrs Rob Burton, of Shepperton, Middlesex, and Jenny Stoned, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Aeron-Thomas, of Aberystwyth, Gwent.

Mr T.R. Carver and Miss C.K. Corfield. The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Colonel R.O.H. Carver, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Carver, and Corie, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.T. Corfield, of Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

Mr M.A. Cookson and Miss E.S. Blake. The engagement is announced between Malcolm, only son of Mr and Mrs Frank Cookson, of Pilley, Hampshire, and Katharine, third daughter of Mr David Blake, of Brampton, Norfolk, and Mrs Susan Blake, of Britwell Salome, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.A. Lynch and Miss N. Lee. The engagement is announced between Mark, fourth son of the late Dr D.M. Lynch, and of Mrs E.R. Lynch, of Colchester, Essex, and Nicola, third daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lee, of Cranford, West Sussex.

Mr A.D. Millard and Miss R.A. Rainscourt. The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E. Millard, of Blakedown, Worcestershire, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M.O. Rainscourt, of Clent, Worcestershire.

Mr R.S. Panssar and Miss K.K. Bhoady. The forthcoming marriage is announced, between Jess, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Panssar, of Southall, Middlesex, and Kim, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Bhoady, of Charlton, London.

Mr C.S.J.D. Sanders and Miss J.F. Dixon-Ward. The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr Roy Sanders and Mrs Ann Marwood, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr Frank Dixon-Ward, CBE, of the late Mrs Claire Dixon-Ward.

Mr R.C.M. Savage and Miss L.E. Allen. The engagement is announced between Robin, second son of Mr and Mrs C.D.W. Savage, of Lodeford, Sussex, and Lucy, second daughter of Mr R.C. Allen, of Warley, Birmingham, and Mrs S.D. Allen, of London.

Mr C. White and Miss S.R. Needham. The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs W.J. White, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, and Saskia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.K. Needham, of London SW5.

Marriage

Mr M.C.M. Macfarlane and Miss E.V.F. Ashton. The marriage took place on Saturday, July 27, at St Peter's Church, South Weald, of Mr Miles Colin Magb Macfarlane, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Macfarlane, of Kensington, London, and Miss Katherine Victoria Francis Ashton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Ashton, of Wealdside, South Weald, the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Rev Colin Travers officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Ashton, Charlotte Ashton, Sam Ashton, Justina Oates, Miss Amanda Scriven, Miss Jane Welch and Miss Kathryn Owen. Mr Anthony Jervois was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

OBITUARIES

LT-GEN SIR ROBERT DREW

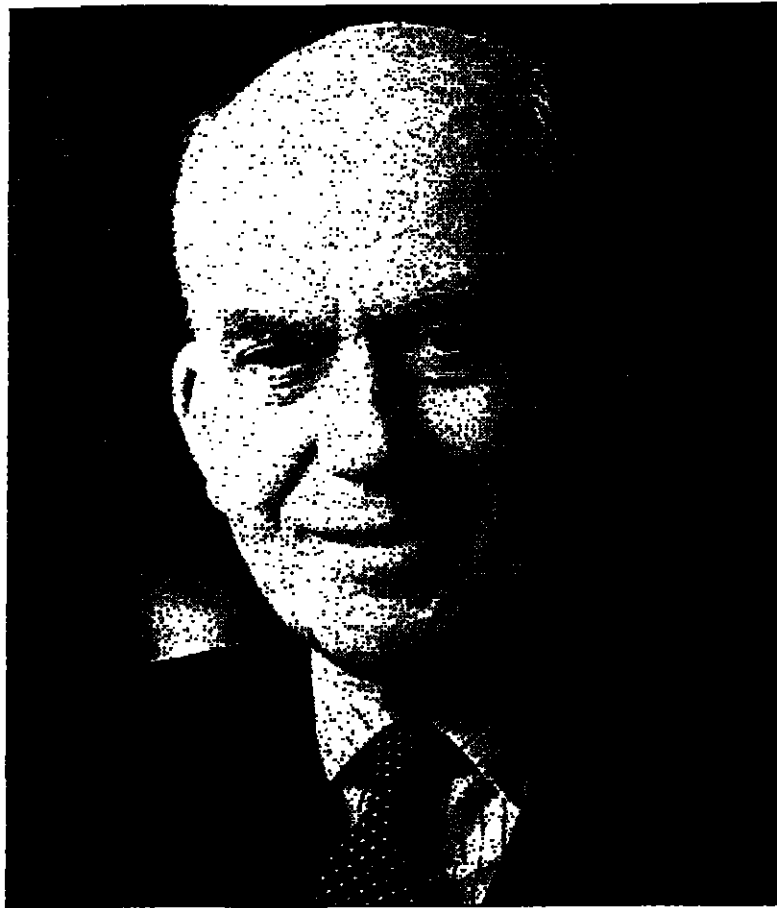
LT-General Sir Robert Drew, KCB, CBE, director general of the Army Medical Services, 1965-1969, died on July 27 aged 83. He was born on October 4, 1907.

WITHOUT Robert Drew medical services in the army would have suffered a severe blow. In the transition from National Service, the army faced far-reaching adjustments and nowhere was this need more acute than in the Royal Army Medical Corps. The ready-made pool of doctors doing National Service dried up. As director general of the Army Medical Services, Drew used his many contacts in government and the medical profession and experience he had gained in a wide-ranging career to mobilise action to fill a crucial gap. He was always good at public relations and he employed his talents to offer a tempting prospect for young doctors entering the service; thus they were given the chance to do work they might not have undertaken outside, so widening their experience - invaluable for their future careers - along with postgraduate training. Moreover, he knew that salaries had to compete, and he ensured they were as attractive as possible. All this he made known to medical schools directly by word of mouth throughout the country.

The army, particularly in battle, comes across needs for treatment that may be more specialised than doctors usually experience outside. Their ability to meet their obligations is enhanced by research, but Drew deplored the low level of it in the army. He established the research committee of the Royal Army Medical College with a distinguished civilian and military membership, and was successful in attracting funds from official and charitable sources for the projects recommended.

Drew, who was Australian by birth, brought to bear in securing the army's capabilities for the future much energy, insight, organisational talent, personality and an ability for the recall of facts that was out of the ordinary.

William Robert Macfarlane Drew was the son of William Hughes Drew and Ethel Macfarlane. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School and Sydney University. After being commissioned, he served for four years in India before joining the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith in 1935 where his



abilities led to his appointment as clinical tutor there in 1938. By that time he had gained the London University diploma in tropical medicine and his membership of the Royal College of Physicians.

In France at the beginning of the second world war he was on the staff of Headquarters 3rd Corps. He commanded a field ambulance after Dunkirk and in 1941 took charge of the medical division of Hatfield Military Hospital. A major boost to his career was provided by his appointment as assistant professor of tropical medicine at the Royal Army Medical College at Millbank in 1942; not least was there work to do in impressing on medical students the need to reduce the incidence of sickness in war theatres abroad, for example, on troops in Burma was much reduced. Drew's reputation was enhanced still further when he became the medical adviser to the War Cabinet Offices in Whitehall for the

rest of the war, while at Millbank. With Eric Samuel and M. Ball he published in 1943 the first comprehensive account of virus pneumonia and in 1945 became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

The experience he had gained at the War Office stood him in good stead when he was seconded at Foreign Office request to the Iraqi government as professor of medicine in the University of Baghdad; he became honorary physician to King Faisal II, the royal household, the prime minister and senior officials. His ability to use authority with tact and his clinical abilities with judgment had been honed in his earlier War Office appointment and he had an innate ability to get on with people while showing them respect. Word got round, and rulers and notabilities in most of the neighbouring states consulted him. Thanks to Drew's spawdwork from 1946 to 1952 medical standards in Iraq could be raised, particularly through the modern-

isation of undergraduate teaching, with the best students being chosen for postgraduate training in Britain.

Again Drew was to use his ability to make friends and influence people when he was given a sabbatical year at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He got to know, and was known to, not only the staff of that postgraduate institution, but also to medical intellectuals of Harvard and to leading personalities in the US Army Medical Service. He returned for his final period of teaching tropical medicine at Millbank.

By now it was clear he had it in him to be a potential director general and the shaping of his career took account of that when he was given his first command, from 1955 to 1957, as commanding officer of the Cambridge Military Hospital, and set about modernising it. In only eight years he reached the top as professional head of the Corps. In 1957 he became consultant physician in GHQ Middle East; in 1959 consulting physician to the Army and director of medicine in the Ministry of Defence; in 1960 commandant of the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank; and in 1963 director of medical services HQ BAOR. He became director general in 1965.

When he retired in 1969, he returned to the subject closest to his heart as deputy director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation. He was governor of Moorfields, Great Ormond Street and St John's Eye Hospital, Jerusalem.

While holding senior appointments from 1957 onwards, he yet contributed more than 30 major papers to medical literature, mostly on tropical subjects but also on medical history. His major historical work was conceiving and editing *Commissioned Officers of the Medical Services of the British Army, 1660 to 1960*, which is now known as "Drew's Roll". After he retired he was appointed lecturer and orator in many medical institutions.

Throughout his life he was a compulsive joiner of learned societies, all over the world and held high office in many. He was a freeman of the City of London, and an honorary citizen of the state of Texas.

In 1934 he married Dorothy Merle Dakingsmith of Bowral, New South Wales. She died in 1990. They had one daughter, who has also died, and a son, who is a doctor.

THE MAHARAO OF KUTCH

Madansinhji Jadeja, the last Maharao of Kutch, diplomat and tennis player, has died in London aged 81. He was born in Bhuj on October 12, 1909.

HIS HIGHNESS the Maharao of Kutch was for a very limited period the 17th and last ruling descendant of Rao Khengarji, the Jadeja Rajput founder of the dynasty which ruled the kingdom of Kutch in what is now the Indian state of Gujarat, bordering Pakistan. After the transfer of power in August, 1947, the Maharao gave the fullest co-operation to the new Delhi government on the special problems relating to the future of Kutch. Later he joined the Indian diplomatic service, first at India House in London, and then as ambassador to Norway and later to Chile. Maharaja Dhiraj Mirza Maharao Shri Madansinhji



have been incorporated into Saurashtra. It was decided to constitute Kutch as a centrally administered area with the Maharao as high commissioner. In this way he continued to administer in a progressive manner a state

with a population of 514,000 and covering an area of some 3,500 square miles. A considerable part of the territory is known as the Rann of Kutch, a sandy, almost uninhabitable marshland, where the wild asses quenched their thirst. The Maharao was close to Pandit Nehru and most co-operative in discussions which ultimately led to Kutch being merged into the State of Bombay until that state was split into Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Maharao was guaranteed by the government of India the same personal rights, privileges, dignities and titles as he enjoyed as ruler of Kutch, prior to the transfer of power.

The Maharao showed his ready acceptance of the new order of things and his desire to serve the new administration of India by accepting Nehru's invitation to him to

join the Indian diplomatic service. He came to London with the rank of minister and, by way of asserting his independence, drew no salary. In the three-and-a-half years he was in India House he served under three high commissioners. Early in 1957 he was selected to be the first Indian ambassador to Norway and three years later was appointed ambassador to Chile.

The Maharao Madansinhji was a man of handsome appearance and many sporting and other interests. As became his place in the princely order he was an adept in the sport of pigsticking and the hunting of big game. He also had a considerable reputation as a tennis player and several times in the years between the wars played in the Wimbledon tournament.

GEORGE LOOSLEY

George Loosley, MC, headmaster, died on July 23 aged 81. He was born on July 18, 1910.

GEORGE Loosley devoted more than 50 years of his life to Wyldcliffe College, Gloucestershire. Beginning as a pupil in 1924, he later served successively as assistant master, headmaster and then vice-president until his retirement from the position only a week before his death.

Stanley George Heney Loosley was the son of Harold and Edith Loosley of Southsea and came to Wyldcliffe as a 13-year-old. After reading mathematics at St John's College, Cambridge, he joined the college staff in 1934 and taught until war came.

He served with the Royal Artillery from 1939 to 1945, won the MC and was mentioned in dispatches. After demobilisation, Loosley returned to Wyldcliffe College as senior assistant master to rebuild a school that had been evacuated to St David's College in Lampeter and whose buildings in Stonehouse had been occupied by the Air Ministry throughout the war. Succeeding to the headmastership in 1947, he set about the gradual conversion of a school, already widely respected for its pioneering enterprise and endearing eccentricities into a strong academic establishment that could compete with the best of comparable size. In the early 1960s, Wyldcliffe was placed second in a national survey that sought to relate the fees charged at independent schools to the quality of their academic results.

During his headmastership Loosley was responsible for considerable expansions to the school's facilities and, in addition to the almost obligatory science blocks, he was instrumental in the construction of a new school chapel (the original having been seriously damaged by fire during the war). Taking a decade of pupil and staff labour, it was built mainly with second-hand materials - the stone from a derelict local church and the main structural beams from a dismantled Isle of Wight chain pier. In all these self-help enterprises, the headmaster took his part alongside the pupils.

Loosley led several pupil expeditions to the Alps and was a committed member of the Scout Movement, receiving the Scout Association's Medal of Merit in 1967.

He retired from the headmastership at the age of 57 and took up a second career as an architectural consultant, travelling the world advising on educational buildings.

In anticipation of the college's centenary, Loosley was persuaded to compile his history, which was published in 1982. He was invited to become a vice-president of the Old Wyldiffian Society. When the college appealed for funds in the 1980s he wrote a personal letter in his characteristic spidery longhand to every Old Wyldiffian he had taught.

In 1938 he married Margaret Luker, who survives him with two sons and a daughter.

The night sky in August

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY starts the month as an evening star but too near the Sun to be observable. After inferior conjunction on the 21st, Mercury becomes a 1st magnitude morning object rising more than an hour before the Sun by the 31st.

Venus may be seen low in the west in evening twilight early in the month before inferior conjunction on the 22nd after which the 4.1 magnitude planet moves into the morning sky to rise more than an hour before sunrise by the 31st.

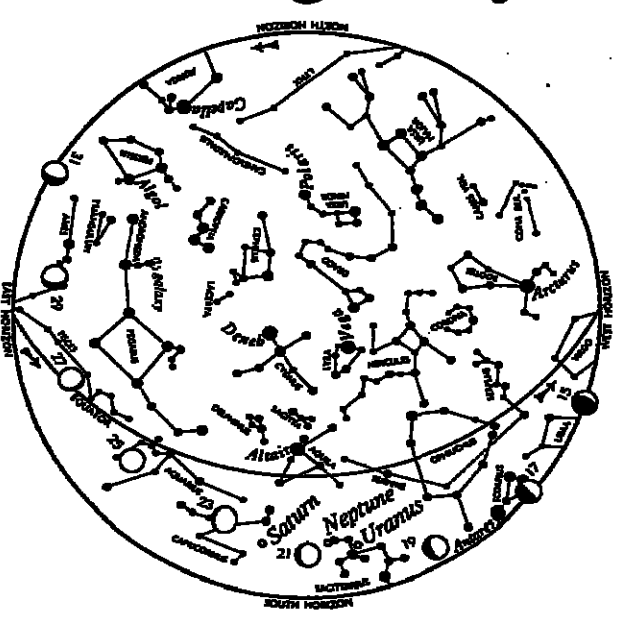
Mars is an evening star throughout the month but remains low in the west after sunset and at 1.8 magnitude is not readily observable. The crescent Moon is to the south on the 12th.

Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 17th and then becomes a -1.7 magnitude morning star rising an hour before the Sun by the 31st.

Saturn is in Capricornus and now slowly fading from 0.2 magnitude and setting by 02h at the end of August. The waxing gibbous Moon passes to the north on the 22nd.

Uranus is in Sagittarius and sets about midnight late in the month. At 5.7 magnitude it is bright enough to be seen with the naked eye and easily visible in binoculars but it can be identified only by means of its position or movement relative to the surrounding stars as its disc appears much too small to be seen without a telescope.

Neptune follows Uranus by less than an hour but at 8 magnitude identification is



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon at the left. The Sun is at 0h 00m at the end of the month. At 0h 00m the Moon is at 0h 00m at the end of the month. At 0h 00m the Moon is at 0h 00m at the end of the month.

more difficult than for Uranus. Neptune's disc appears only half the size of that of Uranus, a mere two seconds of arc (the Moon appears about 1800 seconds of arc in diameter).

The Moon: last quarter, 3d 11h; new Moon, 10d 02h; first quarter, 17d 05h; full Moon, 25d 09h. Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 50m and on the 31st at 04h 20m and 05h 10m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 22h 50m and 21h 00m early and late in the month and begins at 01h 15m and 03h 00m.

Algoi, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus, fades from its usual brightness of 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours taking about five hours to fade and another five hours to recover normal brightness. It can be seen when faintest about the following times during this August: 3d 01h, 23d 03h and 25d 23h.

Algoi is a principal star of the constellation Perseus which can be seen coming up in the north east at dusk during the autumn months. Perseus gives its name to the Perseids meteor shower, one of the two most reliable annual displays for northern observers, the other being the Geminids in December.

Meteors are the debris of

comets which orbit the Sun in paths similar to those of the parent comets, forming meteor streams. In some cases no parent comet is known but the Perseids comet Swift-Tuttle, seen only in 1862 when the orbit was not well determined, has not been recovered although it was expected to be near the Sun again during the 1980s.

The small particles making up the cometary debris must cross the orbit of the Earth at a time when the Earth is near the intersection of the two orbits if any meteors are to be seen. If the debris is spread fairly uniformly round the meteor stream's orbit a good shower will be seen about the same dates each year. Such is the case with the Perseids.

When the particles enter the upper atmosphere at speeds of tens of kilometres per second they leave a luminous streak or train which may persist for less than a second or for several seconds. The appearance of the train is much influenced by the speed of the particle through the atmosphere. While the Perseids move quickly across the sky there are usually many bright meteors leaving bright trains lasting a second or two. During the hours of greatest activity or "maximum" more than 70 per hour may be seen.

The particles reach the Earth in parallel orbits but perspective makes the visible meteors or shooting stars appear to radiate outwards in all directions from a small area of sky known as the "radiant". The meteors may appear in any part of the sky but if their paths among the stars are traced back they will appear to intersect at the

radiant. The appearance can be likened to looking up at the spokes of an umbrella held overhead.

On the monthly chart the radiant lies near the end star of the line of three (in Perseus) pointing towards the constellation Cassiopeia. More meteors are seen when the radiant is high in the sky, which for the Perseids is near dawn, but some activity should be evident as soon as it is dark. While activity extends over the first three weeks of August it rises to a fairly sharp peak or maximum during the early hours of the 13th, so the night of the 12th/13th is best but the three or four nights about this date should show appreciable activity.

A bright sky will hide all but the brighter meteors. This year the Moon is new on the 10th so, given clear skies, conditions will be ideal. Astronomers will be making the most of this year's display because in 1992 the Moon will be full on the 13th.

Anniversaries today
BIRTHS: John Canton, scientist, Stroud, Glouce, 1718; John Ericsson, inventor of the screw propeller, Lambarna, Sweden, 1803.
DEATHS: St Ignace Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, Rome, 1556; Benoît Fourneyron, inventor of the water turbine, Paris, 1867; Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the USA 1865-69, Tennessee, 1875; Franz Liszt, composer and pianist, Bayreuth, 1886; Jean Jaurès, Socialist leader, assassinated, Paris, 1914; Sir Francis Younghusband, explorer and writer, Lychnett Minster, Dorset, 1942; Owen Nares, actor-manager, 1943.

Historic waterfall unearthed

By NORMAN HAMMOND,
ARCHAEOLOGY
CORRESPONDENT

A MASSIVE eighteenth century cascade has been found during restoration work at an historic garden in Yorkshire. Although it appeared on an early plan, the feature had been demolished so thoroughly that it had long been thought never to have been constructed.

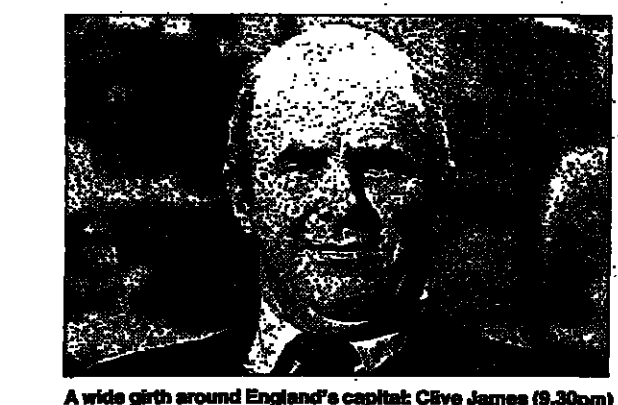
The discovery was made at Bramham Park, seat of the Lane Fox family, situated between Leeds and York. A plan of 1725 showed both the presently surviving gardens from the period, and also an elaborate set of cascades covering nearly 50 yards down a 1 in 10 slope. Amanda Clarke, the excavation director, said there was no trace of the feature, and it had been assumed that the plan was of prospective work never carried out.

Excavations revealed, however, that the cascade had been built from rusticated limestone blocks set in mortar. Mr Clarke said that only a trickle of water probably flowed down it in summer because of the porosity of the construction and the poor water supply.

The family had clearly decided to destroy the cascade within a few years, and did so thoroughly, filling in the terraces and basins with rubble and restoring a smooth slope, that only archaeological investigation was able to show that the 1725 plan was actually carried out.

BBC 1

- 6.00** *Coffee* 5.30 *BBC Breakfast News*
9.05 *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway* (r) 9.35 *Why Don't You...?*
10.00 *News*, regional news, and weather **10.05** *Playdays* (r) 10.25
11.00 *News*, regional news and weather **11.05** *Our House*, American
 family drama series **11.55** *Travel Show UK* *Mail Guides*, Roger
 Wilkes discovers the delights of Torbay (r)
12.00 *News*, regional news and weather **12.05** *The Garden Party*,
 magazine series. Today's edition includes home on Britain's Italian
 community, the problem of junk mail and whether war criminals
 should remain unprosecuted. Wales: The Royal Welsh 1991 **12.55**
Regional News and weather
1.00 *One O'Clock News* and weather
1.30 *Neighbours*, (Cee-fax) 1.50 *The Best of Collecting Now*, Harriet
 Crawley admires Steve Howe's guitar collection and visits the
 British Museum's conservation department (r)
2.20 *Cricket*, Live coverage of one of today's NatWest Trophy quarter-
 finals, introduced by Tony Lewis. The commentators are Richie
 Benaud, Jack Barnard and Ray Illingworth. (Continues on BBC2)
4.10 *Rupert*, Cartoon series based on the character created by Alfred
 Best. (r) **4.15** *Yogi's Treasure Hunt*, Cartoon (r) **4.35** *Expo*,
 Heather Cooper explores the bicycle museum in Nijmegen, the
 Netherlands (Cee-fax)
5.00 *Newsround* 5.10 *The Bartons*, Episode six of the 11-part
 children's drama (r)
5.35 *Neighbours* (r) (Cee-fax) *Northern Ireland: Sportsworld* 5.40 *Inside*
Lester
6.00 *Six O'Clock News* with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. Weather
6.00 *Regional News* *Magazines*, 6.30 *8.25* *A Country House*,
 William Hague, Tonight's musical guests are Paul Young and
 Celine Dion
7.30 *Come Dancing '91*, Angela Rippon taps her toes and Charles
 News commentators while bedroom dancers from London South
 and Bedford compete for a place in the semi-finals. From the Tower
 Bedroom in Blackpool (Cee-fax)
8.00 *Bergerac*, While Charlie Hungerford urges Jim Bergerac to travel
 to France to contact his new love Danielle, a business friend's
 arrest by harbouring a fugitive from South Africa. Starring John
 Nettles, Terence Alexander and, tonight, Brenda Bruce (r).
 (Cee-fax)
8.50 *Points of View* presented by Anne Robinson
9.00 *Nine O'Clock News* with Marilyn Lewis. (Cee-fax) *Regional news*
 and weather



A wide berth around England's capital: Clive James (8.30pm)

9.30 *Clive James* - Postcard from London.
 CHOICE: Clive James's usual London routine is the bumbling
 innocent abroad but this will not do for London, where after 30
 years he is almost a native. So he falls back on autobiography,
 starting in Earls Court where he used to share a bed, though not at
 the same time, with Victoria Wood. From there he makes for the
 King's Road and tries to discover what happened to the Swinging
 Sixties. In those days, James tells us, he had hair, a waist and no
 income and survived on Spam fritters and spotted dick. Now he is
 bald, fat and rich and eats strawberries with London society. The
 mixture of witicism and nostalgia works best in Fleet Street, where
 the newspaper presses roll no more. In the former *Daily Express*
 building James swaps memories with Alan Coren and comes up
 with a choice phrase about reporters "brandishing expensive
 account details more unbelievable than their stories".
 (Cee-fax)
10.30 *Clive James* One (1978). Witty and spirited science-fiction
 adventure about a journalist who discovers a space mission to
 Mars is a hoax, and the future for the three astronauts on board is a
 one-way ticket to oblivion. A strong cast includes Elliott Gould,
 Sam Waterston, Telly Savalas, James Brolin and O.J. Simpson,
 directed by Peter Hyams. (Cee-fax)
12.20am *Weather*. Wales: News headlines and weather

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BBC 2

- 6.45** *Open University: Social Science - Religions Apart?* Ends at 7.35
8.00 *News*
8.15 *Designs on Europe*. A profile of German architect Volkmar
 and Meinhard von Gerkan
9.00 *Cricket*, Paul Coo's word game (r)
9.30 *The Ebon of Africa*. The Kamuzu academy in Malawi was built at a
 cost of more than £15 million to provide education for Africa's elite.
 Dr John Roe assesses the implications (r)
10.20 *Cricket*, Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of one of today's
 quarter-finals in the NatWest Bank Trophy
12.55 *Country File*, John Craven reports on a project to create a huge
 conservation area stretching from Finland to the Bosphorus to
 repair the environmental legacy of communism (r) 1.20 Mr Bean,
 cartoon (r)
1.35 *Cricket*, Further live coverage of a NatWest Bank Trophy quarter-
 final. Includes news and weather at 2.00
2.15 *Glorious Goodwood and Cricket*, Julian Wilson introduces live
 coverage of the Country Club Hotel Goodwood Stakes (2.30); the
 Sussex Stakes (3.10); the Scottish Equitable Richmond Stakes
 (3.10) and the Total Gold Trophy Stakes (4.15). The commentators
 are Peter O'Sullivan, Jimmy Lindsay and John Harmer. Plus
 further coverage of a NatWest Bank Trophy quarter-final match.
 Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
7.25 *DFP*, Rough Guides to Canada - Health. Britain's National
 Health Service is second in size as an employer in Europe only to
 the Soviet Red Army. Among those interviewed are gynaecologist
 Dr Sam Hutt, who may be better known as country and western
 singer Hank Wagoner, Sarah Williams, an acupuncturist, and
 Selma Meghari, a trainee GP (r)
8.05 *Reaching for the Skies*, Quest for Speed. The world's first air
 race was won by Glen Curtiss at Rheine in 1909 with a speed of
 49 1/2 miles an hour. It took less than 40 years for men to break the
 sound barrier, and machines have now been built which are
 capable of travelling at seven times that speed. As well as archive
 footage of early race meetings when men took to the skies in
 planes made of wood and fabric, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird,
 the fastest aeroplane yet built, speeds across the screen. (Cee-fax)
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The Blue Arrow trial

Issue support from advisers 'inevitable'

A DIRECTOR of UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, has denied that announcing the success of Blue Arrow's record £837 million rights had misled the market.

Christopher Stainforth, one of the defendants in the Blue Arrow trial, told trade and industry inspectors that the formal results of the cash call were "literally true" and that advisers secretly buying into the issue and the subsequent placing of remaining shares was in everyone's interest.

City advisers to the employment agency's cash call in 1987 took up Blue Arrow shares to rescue the issue, a jury at the Old Bailey was told. It was announced that the issue's take-up was 48 per cent, with remaining stock being sold in the market.

Mr Stainforth said of press releases: "The only thing that was of interest to the market was whether the stock had been placed or not." He said the announcements were not misleading because all stock was either taken up by share holders or placed.

In a transcript of his evidence to the trade department,

read to the jury, he agreed press releases described the issue as a success and would have given no impression there was a "overhang" of unwanted shares that could depress the price of Blue Arrow stock.

Mr Stainforth agreed: "There were substantial holdings in houses who would eventually want to sell." But he said the advisers were "a better place" than institutions, which might want to sell "the next day".

He defended the announcements as true, but added there were "other truths" that could have been added. He said: "It is invariably market practice that you do not show anyone. You do not tell investors, unless forced to, what other investors have done."

Mr Stainforth told the trade department that City professionals would know advisers had supported the issue. He added: "It is not normal, it is inevitable." He said the late take-up of shares was to "increase the chances of the placing, to have a successful issue in the interests of our clients" and had "nothing to

do with giving us the chance of a quick profit".

He agreed at a results meeting on the night of the close of the issue there was an atmosphere of "surprise and disappointment" when the indicated take-up was less than "the bottom of the range we might have expected", but a decision was taken to go ahead with the placing, rather than allow it to fall on underwriters, and that advisers would take up shares.

He said he had no part in Phillips & Drew's decision to increase its risk by taking shares and wished to be thought of as an employee who simply went along with a board decision.

County, its immediate parent NatWest Investment Bank, UBS Phillips & Drew Securities, and seven individuals deny conspiring to dishonestly mislead the market over the outcome of the Blue Arrow issue.

Mr Justice McKinnon, the judge, at the end of the Crown's case yesterday adjourned the hearing until August 27 when legal argument will take place.



Empty chair: Owen Oyston yesterday, who resigned at Trans World's meeting

Oyston resigns after defeat

OWEN Oyston conceded defeat in a battle with shareholders of Trans World Communications and resigned as chairman and chief executive of the radio group yesterday together with two other directors (Martin Barrow writes).

He intends to retain his 22 per cent shareholding and said he would subscribe for his entitlement in any subsequent

rights issue made by the company. Compensation has yet to be agreed.

Mr Oyston tendered his resignation at the company's annual meeting after deciding not to fight on against Guardian & Manchester Evening News, a 20 per cent shareholder, which had asked Trans World to convene an extraordinary meeting to vote on a

demand for his departure. A multi-millionaire famous for his socialist beliefs, Mr Oyston came under pressure after failing to secure the financial reconstruction of the company, which lost £1.8 million before tax last year (£4.56 million profit).

Harry Roche, chairman of GMEN, will act as temporary chairman of Trans World.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC talks with Efta break down again

THE European Community and the European Free Trade Association (Efta) have again failed to finalise details of the so-called European Economic Area (EEA), a massive European and Scandinavian trade bloc, comprising 385 million consumers (Tom Walker writes from Brussels). The breakdown of talks was the third time this year the trade partners have failed to meet self-imposed deadlines, yet Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, said that the EEA could still be in place by the time the Community's internal market comes into being after 1992.

The main issues blocking any agreement are fishing, an Efta fund for southern Community countries, transport through the Alps (Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein are the non-nordic Efta members), textiles and shipbuilding.

ACM urges bid rejection Costs take toll of Bull

AUSTRALIAN Consolidated Minerals, the Australian mining group, has urged shareholders not to accept a formal 90 cents (42p) a share takeover offer made jointly by Western Mining Corporation and Normandy Potash. ACM said that the offer undervalued the company, and holders of 37 per cent of ACM's capital had said they would not accept.

BULL, the French state-owned computer company, said its first-half operating result before interest costs was £200 million more than last time's, but gave no figures. The first-half net loss of £1.24 billion (£1.88 billion loss) widened, however, because of increased financing costs. Bull reported a £6.79 billion net loss last year.

NatWest buys broker

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is buying Burns Fry Futures, the Chicago futures and options broker, for an undisclosed sum. The acquisition of BFF, a subsidiary of Burns Fry, the Canadian investment house, will give NatWest clearing membership of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Martin Owen, NatWest group treasurer, said: "Our institutional and major corporate clients are increasingly seeking to consolidate their futures and options broking business with one house both in the UK and US." The bank has traded futures in London since 1982.

Pirelli Dutch loss to grow Director joins Mountleigh

PIRELLI Tyre Holding, the Amsterdam-listed tyre subsidiary of Italy's Pirelli, said it expected a first-half net loss this year bigger than the 49 million guilder (£14.8 million) loss for the second half of last year, because of price competition and increased financial charges. No significant improvement in results was expected for the second half of this year.

MOUNTLEIGH, the property company, has appointed Geoffrey Chinn as non-executive director. Mr Chinn, a solicitor with Berwin Leighton in New York, joins a board that, at Monday's extraordinary meeting was already 14 strong and, as a shareholder said, contained six Americans. Shareholders approved Mountleigh's £96 million rights issue.

Sabena loses £499m

SABENA, Belgium's ailing national airline, reported that a reorganisation of its balance sheet as part of a restructuring programme resulted in a net loss of BFR30.2 billion (£499 million) in the first quarter of this year. Sabena has divided its financial years into two periods, the first ending on March 31, to take account of the restructuring programme. Shareholders have approved a recapitalisation of the company, which will result in the Belgian state's stake rising temporarily from 54 to 88 per cent.

The net loss took into account BFR16.2 billion of debt Sabena owed to the state that has now been converted into capital. It also included exceptional charges of BFR5.7 billion for redundancies.

Pan Am bidders in disarray

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE three-cornered fight to pick the choicest assets from Pan Am, the American airline, has collapsed in disarray after a heated meeting with unsecured creditors. One bidder withdrew its offer, another's was rejected as too low and the third remained close to bankruptcy itself. The next round will be fought in the bankruptcy court on August 12.

Two offers remain on the table: a \$310 million bid from Delta Airlines for parts of Pan Am and a \$450 million bid for the whole airline by Trans World Airlines, but largely funded by American Airlines. United Airlines withdrew a \$235 million offer for Pan Am's Latin American routes late on Monday, when Stephen Wolf, the chairman, alleged its offer was being ignored by Pan Am. TWA also complained it was being "stonewalled".

Pan Am executives agreed at the weekend to back Delta's offer that will also involve a so-far unspecified injection of cash which could keep Pan Am in the air. Delta's bid has been rejected as too low by unsecured creditors, who instead have asked for a written reorganisation plan from TWA-American by the end of the week. TWA, however, which analysts believe could be forced to file for protective bankruptcy itself, has been given some breathing space.

Interest payments were due yesterday on its junk bonds, but a court hearing for creditors has been postponed until Friday next week. TWA has been in talks with its bondholders since missing a \$37.5 million interest and principal payment in January. The airline says substantial progress has been made.



Wolf: offer ignored

East Midlands to play major Euro-power role

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EAST Midlands Electricity is to play a leading role in a pan-European consortium set up to develop, own and operate private power stations around the world.

The joint venture, Independent Power Generators, was unveiled only weeks after British Gas announced plans to develop power stations in the Far East.

East Midlands has been among the quickest of the 12 regional electricity supply companies to expand into power generation. It is a partner in Corby Power, which is building a combined cycle gas fired power station at Corby, Northamptonshire. Independent Power Generators (IPG), which will be based in London, brings together some of the most formidable European power generation and engineering companies. East Midlands will have a 27 per cent holding.

The leading group in the consortium is Compagnie Générale des Eaux (CGE), the French utility group, which has interests in water supply and waste disposal in Britain and France. It will hold 29 per cent of IPG. Electricité de France, the French state-owned power company, will hold 19 per cent and Alcatel Alsthom, the French power engineering group, will hold 10 per cent.

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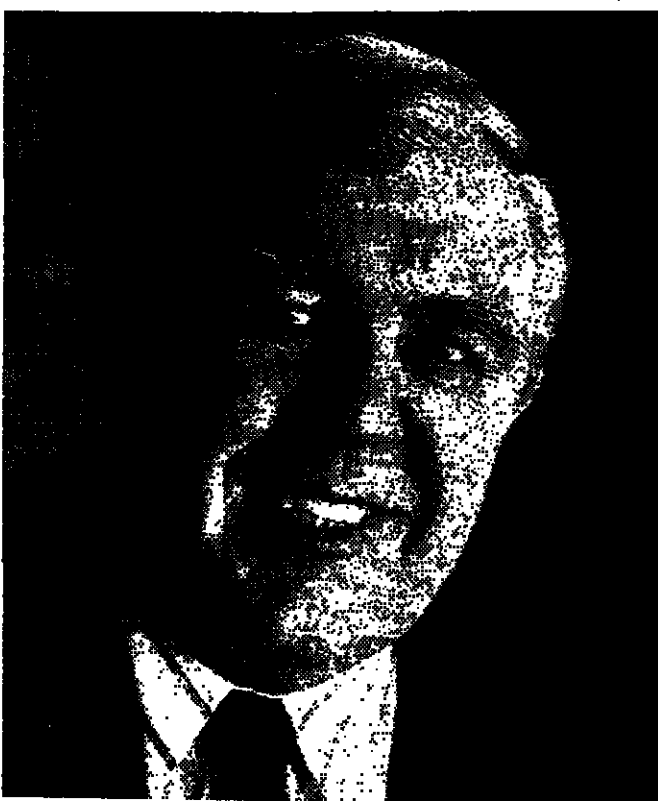
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Hosepipe ban on water payouts

COMMENT

The dividend rises announced by the privatised water groups for 1990-91 were clearly not going to last. They ranged from 4.6 per cent above a reference inflation rate of 9.7 per cent at Anglian to a real increase of 8.3 per cent from Severn Trent. At a particularly favourable time of near-peak inflation, most were above the projected real dividend rises of 3 to 5 per cent from which the price limits set before privatisation were ultimately derived.

Given that privatised utilities have been cast as electoral Aunt Sallys, even by the government that launched them into the private sector, this was tactless. But it may not have made much difference to the tighter financial rein that Ian Byatt, the industry's financial regulator, now proposes. The price limits deliberately erred on the safe side because the water sale was unpopular originally. Some adjustment is inevitable.

Neither the industry nor investors will like Mr Byatt's suggestion that the real net rate of return deemed necessary should be cut from 7 per cent to between 5 and 6 per cent from 1995 - less than required for public sector

investment. Coupled with his judgment that loan gearing can safely rise sharply to as much as 75 per cent in some cases, starting now, this will have a severe impact on future dividend rises.

From 1995, after the fundamental price review, Mr Byatt sees dividend growth from core business merely matching inflation unless there are efficiency gains above those assumed in price limits. Until then, real dividend rises averaging 2 per cent would be assumed. These proposals are up for consultation, but the industry may find it hard to alter them much in substance.

Much of the negotiation will be over timing and the extent of the restricted reviews of price limits in the years up to 1994. Inevitably, Mr Byatt's views on gearing and dividends will underlie claims for costs of new investment imposed since privatisation to be passed through to customers, as already being claimed by South West. Companies will be on firmer

ground in resisting these tests in any review of windfall profits from lower than expected costs. In the short run, this favours companies that, by luck or good planning, do not have to ask the regulator for more - such as Yorkshire or Anglian. Further ahead, diversification to sustain real dividend rises will be more prized.

This may not be achieved so easily, without share issues, if gearing is higher, since this could endanger the water groups' high credit-ratings, which cut costs. Most crucial of all for the companies and for investors, however, may be whether Mr Byatt's formula satisfies the political test, convincing Labour that the industry can safely be left to the existing form of regulation. It ought to, since it is hard to see any way of curbing price rises to consumers more, short of funding

investment from taxes or lowering standards.

Horse sense

In the context of Hanson's balance sheet, the £12 million invested in bloodstock through its Cheval subsidiaries over the past three years is not a lot of cash, even though most of the investment has had to be written off. But shareholders do not invest with Hanson because they believe in the group's ability to pick horseflesh.

To have accounts that are extremely complex, and which outsiders find difficult to fathom, may be quite acceptable for a company that relies on performance to earn shareholders' trust, but looks more questionable when investments like this

come to light. The group has something of a culture of secrecy and Lord Hanson does not seem anxious to publish or face scrutiny of figures unless required by law or regulators.

This attitude contrasts strongly with Lord Hanson's criticism of ICI for the lack of firm evidence and the limited details issued of its restructuring and the £400 million a year that Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's chairman, expects will eventually be added to profits as a result.

Like Lorrho, that other entrepreneurially-led company, Lord Hanson does not normally hold press conferences on his results, and the group rarely meets investment analysts as a group, relying on a carefully orchestrated annual general meeting to present itself to the world.

Hanson is due to report third quarter results in the middle of August and the company should take advantage of this to explain some of its investments and per-

haps even reveal the remuneration package of Lord White, its American chief, who is in the bloodstock partnership with Hanson. At the very least, shareholders should be told the names of the horses involved so that they have the chance to take a punt and maybe share some of the winnings. After all, they already share the losses.

Scapegoat

Robin Leigh-Pemberton was given a startling snub in the High Court yesterday, adding to the impression that he has been handed the black spot as scapegoat over the BCCI affair.

The Asian community may give him little appreciation for putting depositors in Britain first, in a case for which he was castigated. Likewise, few will give credit for his action in stopping BCCI's frauds, though it is doubtful if he was the lead regulator.

With a government under pressure, the hue and cry may ignore such subtleties.

Stability fails to pour oil on uncertain price waters

Martin Barrow looks at the oil market, one year after the invasion of Kuwait

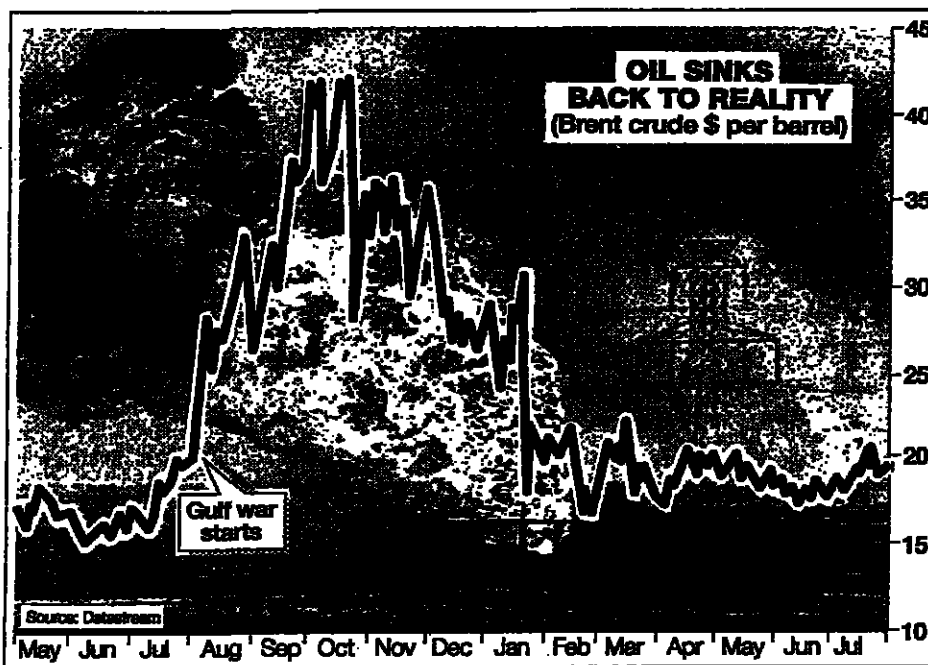
OIL prices have defied market forecasts twice in the space of a year. First, they collapsed upon the outbreak of war in the Gulf in January, instead of rising sharply as predicted; then they held steady after the ceasefire, when logic dictated that oversupply would depress the market.

Most analysts feel comfortable with a forecast of an average oil price of \$20 a barrel this year, slightly above the current price of \$19.60, which assumes some strengthening during the second half. Next year is more difficult to assess, principally because of the uncertainty surrounding Iraqi oil and the country's ability to resume exports if and when the international embargo is lifted.

Stable prices at current levels appear to satisfy both consumers and leading producers. Oil at \$20 should not hamper economic recovery in America, but it is high enough to encourage domestic production, and, indeed, output has risen in recent weeks. Similar pricing criteria applies to the North Sea.

Producers in the Middle East seek higher prices in the longer term. But, in the meantime, there is considerable relief that oil has remained comfortably ahead of levels last seen before Iraq began beating the war drum 12 months ago. In June 1990, Brent crude traded at \$15.50 and resentment was growing throughout the region.

Saudi Arabia has played a pivotal role in achieving this unexpected stability. So too, has Iran, and the two countries, keen to reassert their preeminence within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries during the temporary absence of the hawkish Iraq, have rediscovered com-



mon interests after several years of frosty relations. There certainly appears to have been some degree of co-ordination between Iran and Saudi Arabia over the efficient use of tanker stocks to help offset temporary shortages.

The Saudis have dictated the pace by lifting their share of output by members of Opec from less than 23 per cent to in excess of 36 per cent after increasing daily output by 2 million barrels to 7.6 million to help compensate for the loss of oil from Iraq and Kuwait. The kingdom has indicated that it will not accept the re-

for maintaining the status quo. The country is becoming more confident in its attempt to restore links with the West and the absence of Iraq provides opportunities to secure new customers. Within two years, Iran will have the capacity to produce 5 million bpd, compared with 3.5 million at present, and needs to cement new relationships.

Thus, opposition to the resumption of exports from Iraq is intense, even within Opec, making it far less likely to occur this year. Meanwhile, Kuwait, despite scoring a publicity coup by resuming exports

northern hemisphere moves into the stockpiling season before winter. The situation will not be helped by a further decline in Soviet output, although because of an even sharper decline in domestic consumption, the net impact on exports may be marginal.

As a result, it will be no surprise if oil prices firm up in the final quarter, and a peak of \$23 a barrel is not out of the question, but a prompt return to current levels is likely, and not only for political reasons.

For Iran is not alone in signalling its intention to increase production capacity. Saudi Arabia has spare capacity for another 1 million bpd and plans to lift total capacity to about 11 million bpd by 1995. Venezuela's existing investment programme envisages an output capability of 3.3 million bpd, against the current 2.5 million bpd.

Société Générale Strauss Turballe, the investment house, estimates that Opec's output capacity will rise from 24 million bpd at present to 38.1 million bpd by 1995. Even the most optimistic economic forecasts do not envisage demand for Opec oil, which is growing by just 1 per cent this year, to rise so meteorically.

What proportion of this proposed investment will come to fruition remains to be seen. But despite the current stability, the outlook for oil prices is as uncertain as ever.

Kuwait faces an uphill battle to become a significant player again

imposition of formal production quotas, suspended by Opec after the invasion of Kuwait, until Kuwait and Iraq resume exports.

Geoff Fyne, of UBS Phillips & Drew, believes that the longer high output can be sustained, the easier it will be for the Saudis to lock it into a formal Opec quota. Nor is the Saudi Royal family likely to be in a hurry to allow Iraq back into the market, at the expense of their country's own share, when the full cost of Operation Desert Storm is being borne and so soon after Iraqi missile were raining down on Riyadh. Iran also has ample reason

earlier than expected, albeit on a modest scale, faces an uphill battle to become a significant player once again in the short term. A full return to pre-production levels of 1.5 million bpd is at least two years away, according to Mr Fyne.

Under pressure from Saudi Arabia and Iran, Opec rolled over the existing limit of 22.3 million bpd at its last ministerial session. The next meeting is scheduled for September, and, unless the quota is revised upward, it would appear that the balance between supply and demand could swing into deficit for the first time this year as the

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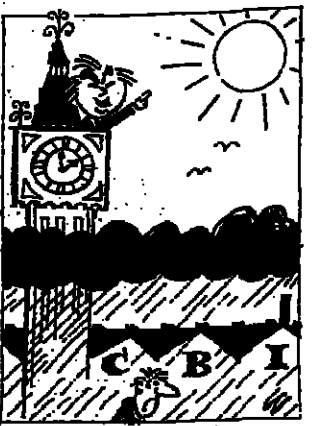
Speaking the same language

HUBERT Perrodo, polo-playing chairman of Kelt Energy, must be having a few sleepless nights. After selling his private drilling interests in France for \$170 million three months ago, he has now poured the best part of £70 million into keeping Kelt afloat. He allowed himself a smile of satisfaction after keeping the receivers at bay by talking Ashraf Marwan, the mysterious financier who holds about one third of Kelt's preference shares, to support the company's refinancing proposals. Support was granted only after a 70-minute private meeting between the two men, hastily arranged during an adjournment of Kelt's extraordinary meeting. What really went on behind closed doors is anyone's guess. But Perrodo, an eloquent Frenchman, and Marwan, a cigar-chomping

Egyptian, obviously spoke the same language.

Run out of luck

AMONG the 600 or so runners who took part in the 16th NatWest International Snowdon Race at the weekend was a team from National Westminster Bank, the sponsors. Graham Cowling, the press



officer, curious to discover what awaited the runners, decided to tackle the five-mile course ahead of the pack. On reaching the summit, he was delighted to see a café beckoning warmly. His smile soon faded when the proprietor, with a distinct lack of tact, slammed the door in his face. The race was won by Mark Crossdale, a Royal Marine and international cross-country skiing champion, who was dubbed the fittest man in Britain recently.

Ball in New Court

RAY "Gazza" Kelly, director of UK sales at the New York offices of James Capel, has defected to Smith New Court with colleague Jeremy Attard-Manche. Both are keen soccer players and will lead efforts to build up international sales at Smith. Attard-Manche, who joins as managing director of UK sales and spent seven years with Capel, three of them in New York, says:

"International institutional sales have been a bit thin on the ground." Kelly, who becomes managing director of American depository receipt sales, hit the headlines in December when he led a Capel soccer team to a 4-3 victory over Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Taking the plunge

GILL Ackers and Michele Talke, of the London Stock Exchange press office, returned unscathed from their charity parachute jump at the weekend. The intrepid pair raised £1,200 for cancer research and plan to jump again next month. "It was brilliant, it was absolutely marvellous," enthuses Talke, who says free-falling 5,000 feet, with an instructor securely attached, was one of the highlights. "We even managed a somersault on the way down." Share listings will never seem the same again.

JON ASHWORTH

SWITZERLAND and the Republic of Ireland are the only two countries in western Europe yet to be penetrated by the ever-expanding Aegis media buying empire.

Since last year, gaps in Greece, The Netherlands and Scandinavia have been plugged by acquisitions, more or less completing the Aegis network.

With representation established in Prague, Budapest, Warsaw and Moscow, there will soon be few nations west of the Urals left out.

Theory has it that with the acquisition phase now over, the company's operating subsidiaries are positioned to benefit from the long-term drift of media buying business away from the full service advertising agencies to the specialists.

So far, the theory has held water. A mere 10 per cent decline in interim pre-tax profits to £31.2 million appears an impressive performance in what is possibly the worst half year in the history of the industry.

Most of the markets where the company operates have now recovered from their Gulf war lows, although British and more important, French markets have been slow to pick up.

A few worries remain, however, despite the compelling arguments for the grand strategy.

Water-tight theory helps Aegis plug media empire gaps

An investigation of media buying by the French authorities will report in June next year and Aegis, with a 40 per cent share, could be hurt by the regulator's findings.

In America, a subsidiary of the company is the subject of \$300 million law suit, vigorously contested, and the size of the claim may not be taken too seriously.

Aegis also faces a maximum of £86.5 million in deferred payments on acquisitions over the next five years.

Analysts are looking for £68 million to £70 million pre-tax profits for the full year, giving 25p or so of earnings. Despite the growth prospects for next year, however, the agency sector blues mean the shares remain on a multiple of less than eight, almost half the market rating.

If it is possible to live with the few downside risks, the shares should be bought at current levels.



Ashman: write-off

Harland Simon

LAST September, Harland Simon Group said goodbye to Mountain Dew, the Cayman Islands family trust of which Birol Nadir, Asil Nadir's son, is the chief beneficiary, when the trust sold its 28 per cent stake.

Yesterday, Harland Simon, the specialist computer controls group led by chairman Roy Ashman, said goodbye to Polly Peck International when

it disclosed it had written off a £538,000 outstanding debt. Investment eyes can thus, from here on, focus on Harland's fundamental merits - and chew over a pre-tax profit of £10.5 million for the year ended March 31 against £8.31 million.

Harland's overseas sales at £35.6 million (£24.9 million) represent 47 per cent of total sales, with Germany accounting for 15 per cent of £75.7 million and North America for 10 per cent. If Harland, with newspaper groups especially in mind, continues to tread the same path abroad that it originally trod here, then further profits growth looks assured.

The group raised £13.9 million through a one-for-five rights issue at 47.5p share last July, and has since acquired various companies which have been successfully integrated. Harland ended the 1991 financial year with nil gearing, and is paying a final dividend of 5.5p making 7.5p (6p). The cover, however, remains inordinately high at 5.7 times.

A growth in pre-tax profits to £13.5 million should be easily achievable, and at 515p, down 25p, the shares trade on 10.3 times prospective earnings.

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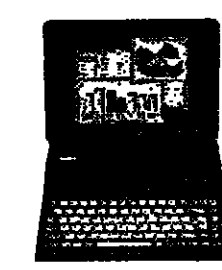
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By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

the company confirmed that it is to put its international express freight and courier business, TNT Express Worldwide, into a joint company with five national post offices. The post offices will route their existing business in this area through the joint company and sell its services through their own outlets. The post offices now operate through the EMS consortium, which includes the Post Office in Britain.

The post offices of Germany, France, Sweden, The Netherlands and Canada have formed a consortium company, GD Net, which will own 50 per cent of the joint venture company. TNT will retain the remaining 50 per cent. GD Net has left room for other post offices to join its

consortium.
In Britain, the Post Office is

THE European Commission has approved a bid by **Electronic Data Systems (EDS)**, a subsidiary of General Motors, for **SD-Scicon**, the British computer software company. The current offer, worth £116 million, has been rejected by Scicon.

The new joint TNT/GD company, which will be based in Amsterdam, is likely to start operating from the end of this year and will have initial turnover of about £600 million. John Mullen, of TNT Express Worldwide, will be the first chief executive. GD Net is to make an unspecified substantial capital injection into the joint venture, which will reduce TNT's heavy debt exposure. TNT said the cash injection would be several hundred million Australian dollars.

Alcan Australia, the aluminium producer, said low metals prices and the downturn in the Australian economy was to blame for a loss of Aus\$13.4 million (£6.2 million) in the first half to end-June, compared with a loss of Aus\$138,000 in the first half of last year.

Simon Engineering has completed a private placement of \$125 million in guaranteed senior notes for Simon United States Holdings, a subsidiary. The notes mature in 2003 and bear a fixed rate of 9.32 per cent interest per annum.

Dragon Mining said a drilling report has confirmed near-surface platinum-palladium mineralisation on Dragon Mining/Austmin Gold's joint venture ground at Range Well, Western Australia.

Unigate, the food and distribution company, has bought a dessert factory in Paignton, Devon, for its St Ivel dairy foods subsidiary.

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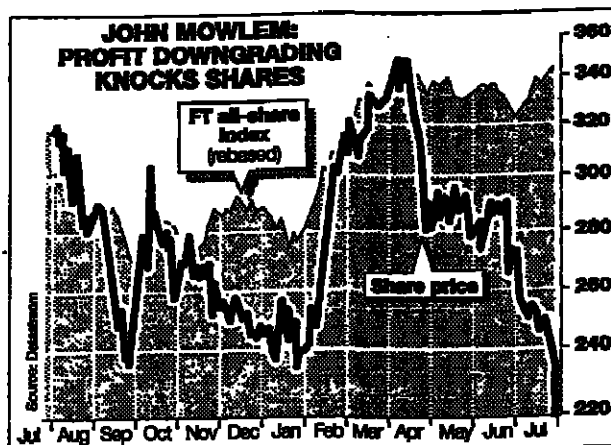
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EQUITIES managed to close at another record high in spite of losing most of their early advance. The market paused for breath, with equities appearing to run out of steam in the afternoon as institutional interest dried up. Shares came off their best levels after the CBI industrial trends survey urged the government to make "bolder" cuts in interest rates after reporting that there is no evidence of a strong recovery in the economy.



asset value of 135p a share and could be a target for continental companies, particularly the French. Kevin Milner, NHL's chief executive, said he

Allied-Lyons, the drinks and food group, climbed 8½p to 579½p after reaching 584p on revived bid speculation. A number of names have been mentioned with Philip Morris of America and Hanson, 2½p

telling before its interim results as talk that much of the selling company's broker, which, they arish. The broker declined to icts TI's interim pre-tax profits tion).

lower at 210½p, as favourites to bid. Bass recovered most of Monday's 16p loss which followed a downgrading by Lehman Brothers, the American broker. Bass rose 13p to 917p.

A profits downgrading from Hoare Govett knocked John Mewlem, the construction and property group, with the shares ending 16p lower at

219p. Krystyna Brzeskewski, an analyst at Hoare, has cut her pre-tax profits forecast for the current year from £25 million to £20 million, against

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Allianz's pre-tax profits for calendar 1990 were DM1.9 billion (£647.4 million), down from DM2.1 billion in 1989. Group profit per share fell to DM43.30 from DM48.55. Fully consolidated net profits were down to DM1 billion, from DM1.16 billion.

This year, the foreign share of world income from re-

Allianz made no statement on group profit expectations for this year, but said the group and the parent were on course to maintain the quality

course to maintain the quality of results in the current year. Shares in the insurer and in the bank showed little response to news of the higher Allianz holding.

By JONATHAN PRYNN



Henderson: optimistic
commission to redevelop the
Hotel Praha in Prague and the

"The broad base of our work, in terms of project variety, professional skills and geographical spread, provides YRM with solid foundations for growth," Mr Henderson said. "Despite the problems encountered by the industry as a whole during the past year, we have good reason to be optimistic about the future."

Tokyo
SHARES closed sharply higher in moderate trading. The Nikkei index climbed 429.0 points, or 1.83 per cent, to 23,872.63. The release on Monday of a long-awaited list of those compensated unfairly by the big four brokers removed a lot of uncertainty and led some investors to believe that the worst of the scandal is over.

some brokers said was a psychological resistance level at 24,000. The Nikkei last closed above 24,000 on July 15 the day the official discount rate was cut from 6 to 5.5 percent. A close above 24,000 today, the last day of the month, would give the market a boost, brokers said.

Turnover expanded to 28.6 million shares from 180 million on Monday. The cash

above 3,000

New York
THE Dow Jones industrial average was 19 points higher at 3,004.24 by late morning. Ken Ducey, the director of trading at BT Brokerage, said that solid overseas market and optimism over the meeting between President Bush

and President Gorbachev has lifted sentiment in New York. □ Sydney — Hopes that inflation will fall to 3 per cent by the year's end boosted prices again sending the leading index to an 11-month high. The all-ordinaries index rose 6.7 to 1,574.2. (Reuters)

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EQUITIES		RECENT HOTELS	
Aberforth Smr (100p)	118	Smaller Inn Tst (500p)	78 +1
Aberllyn Spilt (100p)	108	Standard Platform (225p)	81
Adlance Rk (100p)	112	Stirling Tst	96 +1
Adrian Res (155p)	107	Tokyo	87 +5
Capital Ventures	157	Trio Inv Tst (50p)	30
Charmant Rm	104	Unichem	169 +3
Contra-Cyclist (100p)	104		
Dryden Blue Cap (100p)	101		
Edgemoor Inc Tst (65p)	67-1		
East Germany Inv (100p)	106 +3		
Elstonbrook	93		
Europacm	248		
Euromed Inv (100p)	102		
Greencore	225 +3		
Greenwich Res	121		
Headline Book (100p)	19		
Homepoint	106		
Manchester Inv (555p)	294		
Mirror Group (125p)	104 +1		
Northumbria	105		
Morgentn Smr Cos (100p)	105		
Oryx Gold	281		

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Burton Go N/P	4 1/2 + 1/2
Dean & Brown N/P	2
Enn & O'Shea N/P	2 1/2
Hemmings N/P	2 1/2
Hewson N/P	17 1/2
JLI Group N/P	17 1/2
Mounsham N/P	18 1/2
Scottish Land N/P	18 1/2
Trafalgar Hse N/P	18 1/2
Whewsey N/P	4

(Issue price in brackets).

First Dealings July 22	Last Dealings August 2	Last Declaration October 24	For Settlement November 4
<p>Call options were taken out on 30/7/81 Anglia TV, Berritz Dubs, Gerrit Walker, Medeva Wls, Hord. Norak, Tullow Oil.</p> <p>Puts: Control Seas, Hadleigh, TV-am.</p> <p>Puts & Calls: Crest Nicholson, Spynewrk.</p>			

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BRITISH FUNDS

75	35	Hammer Union	39	40	-	-	-
225	30	Wardlaw	-	-	-	22.51	-
220	125	Holmes Bar	140	150	-	13.3	0.2
30	28	Hutchings	27	30	-	-	46.9
180	180	Herring Son	155	183	-	6.7	5.5
280	220	Jennings	200	250	-	4.0	1.8
585	471	Land Sec	508	514	-	28.3	5.1

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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494	19	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
495	20	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
496	21	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
497	22	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
498	23	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
499	24	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
500	25	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
501	26	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
502	27	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
503	28	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
504	29	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
505	30	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
506	31	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
507	32	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
508	33	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
509	34	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
510	35	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
511	36	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
512	37	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
513	38	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
514	39	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
515	40	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
516	41	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
517	42	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
518	43	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
519	44	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
520	45	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
521	46	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
522	47	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
523	48	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
524	49	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
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542	67	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
543	68	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
544	69	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
545	70	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
546	71	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
547	72	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
548	73	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
549	74	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7
550	75	Alfred	2	3	1	16.0	4.1	11.7

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

TRANSPORT									
514	187	Airac. Dr Parts	378	374	-1	9.7	3.1	14.3	
450	282	BAA	435	409	-26	17.3	4.0	11.6	
203	203	Trucking	500	524	+24	11.9	4.0	11.6	
273	138	Chatham, G	210	230	+20	10.7	5.3	8.8	
288	16	Dorset & Mowlem	200	200	0	-	-	-	
203	203	International Lines	626	626	0	-	-	-	
28	16	British	176	176	0	-	-	-	
121	16	Ferretair (Marse)	100	100	0	7.3	8.8	8.1	
121	16	French	100	107	+7	10.7	5.1	14.3	
130	130	Har	142	142	0	4.9	1.5	12.7	
130	130	Shannon (L)	90	90	0	4.9	1.5	12.7	
167	77	Log	80	80	0	8.8	8.1	14.3	

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183	75	Kang	126	90	● - 1	6.3	5.1	14.4
190	103	Hart	138	142	-	4.9	15	14.7
52	36	Jacobs (L)	43	46	-	2.6	8.7	12.7
167	77	Lay	93	95	-	8.3	8.8	5.8
22	15	Murphy Ralph	106	136	● - 4	6.6	6.3	-
191	167	Murray Docie	169	173	-	6.7	3.9	12.5
178	114	MFC	176	179	● - 1	7.6	3.8	18.2
328	267	Owen Scott	348	353	-	10.5	5.4	12.6

ELECTRICALS

184	200	Thurston	50	—	—	18.4	4.3	16.3	
185	200	Thurston	50	—	—	18.4	4.3	16.3	
186	200	Thurston	50	110	—	—	—	—	
187	200	Thurston	50	—	—	—	—	—	

WATER									
360	28	Arctic Water	378	37.0	4	28.3	6.3	5.1	
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Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.9 (day's range 90.8-90.9).

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Bullion: Open \$362.50-362.50	Close: \$362.50-362.50
Low: \$361.00-361.50	Krugenberg: \$361.75
Sovereigns: Old \$85.00-88.00 (\$20.25-51.25)	New \$
Platinum: \$358.10 (\$212.20)	Silver: \$4.05 (\$2.405)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES						
FT-SE 100	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
11-10-91	10-10-91	2,820.0	2,840.0	2,810.0	2,830.0	1,200,000
11-10-91	10-10-91	2,820.0	2,840.0	2,810.0	2,830.0	1,200,000

6 mth	Call	Three Month Euro DM	Dec 91	90.34	90.34	90.33	90.34	900
6 ¹ / ₂ -6%	5 ¹ / ₂ -5	Previous open interest: 112304	Sep 91	90.93	90.95	90.91	90.91	9319
9 ¹ / ₂ -9%	8 ¹ / ₂ -7 ¹ / ₂	US Treasury Bond	Dec 91	90.82	90.83	90.57	90.58	7987
all-in-one	one-on		Sep 91	94.14	94.14	94.10	94.12	798

9-86.75 (\$50.00-51.00)	Previous open interest: 84725	Dec 91	83.79	83.92	83.79	83.81	489
9-86.25 (\$51.10)	Three month ECU	Sep 91	90.01	90.01	89.99	89.97	229
	Previous open interest: 4802	Dec 91	90.13	90.13	90.08	90.07	131

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Extra innings for the people's ground

**The Queen opens
the Bedser stand
and the indoor
Ken Barrington
Centre at the
Foster's Oval in
London today.
Richard Streeton
visits the ground**

TODAY signifies the sweet fulfilment of something that many at the Foster's Oval have merely dreamed about for a long, long time. The nets are in use. The Ken Barrington Centre is being used to encourage the youngsters of Surrey and Greater London to play cricket and other sports.

It is ten years now since Ken Barrington died, an all too young 51 years of age. He had scored 76 centuries, 20 of them for England, in a brilliant career. There could have been no better moment for the Surrey Cricket Club Youth Trust to decide that it was time to press ahead with the building of an indoor school... and totally appropriate that it should be named after Ken.

It has been neither easy nor cheap. The

FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

centre (which can be used for hockey and other indoor team games, and has catered for disabled people with a special lift) has cost around £6 million, which has been raised through the hard work and the generosity of many. Not one minute of the labour, and not one penny of the money, will go to waste.

A year ago, when I was delighted to become patron of Surrey Youth Cricket Year, I said that it would be nice if the money we raised helped produce a player for Surrey or even for England... but that in the end it would not matter. That we encouraged youngsters to play the game, or improve their game, was thoroughly

worthwhile in itself. And so it is. I have always believed that there are plenty of good cricketers out there waiting to be found, and that it is up to us to find them.

The Ken Barrington Centre is there, doors open, awaiting them all. And to those dismal fannies who tell us that schools cricket is dead let me tell you that a month ago Surrey took their first commercial booking for the centre; it was from a school. They have booked the nets for two hours each day of term time for an indeterminate period.

That is, I hope, simply the start of something big; that more and more schools send their pupils along and that the nets are in use every hour of every day.

JOHN MAJOR

From the day the first cricket ball was bowled at the Oval, the ground has vied with Lord's in the memories and affection it has evoked from both cricketers and spectators. When a threat of closure arose during the Eighties, these factors were the motivation for Surrey Country Cricket Club in its darkest hour. Income had fallen and the old stands and facilities had failed to meet modern safety and fire regulations.

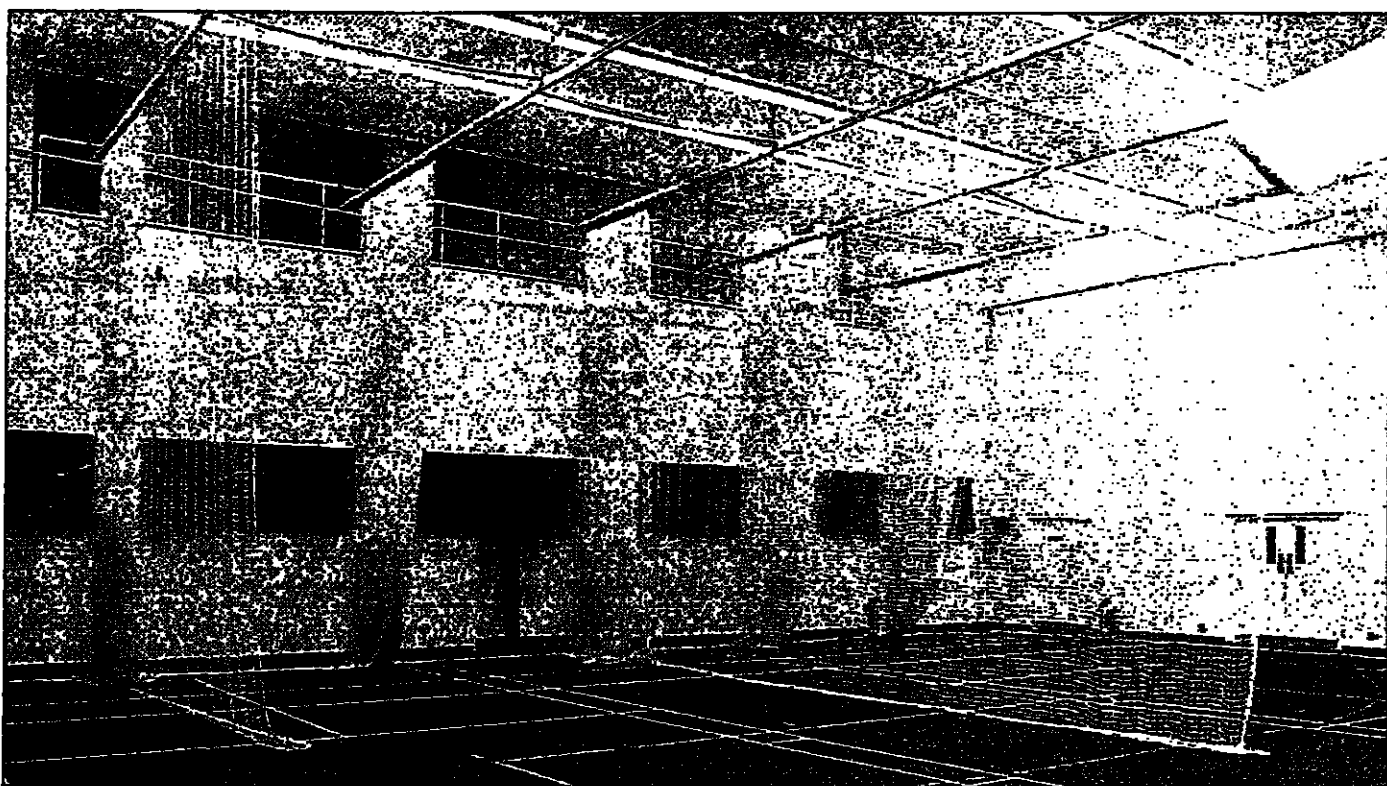
After a decade of anguish, the financial means were gradually found for rebuilding, with the Foster's brewery sponsorship obtained at the eleventh hour. A £10 million facelift has now been completed and the overall project represents one of British sport's most remarkable achievements.

Those cricketers in top hats, who first played on the site in 1845, following its conversion from a market garden, might blink at the large, new Bedser stand and other improvements. They would recognise, though, the determination and vision behind the further growth of the most famous of the Duchy of Cornwall's properties. Lewis Carroll's Walrus did not have cricket grounds and their landlords in mind but his talk of cabbages and kings could serve as a text for the Oval's story.

In fact, it was a Mr M. Turle who secured the contract to clear away the vegetable at Kennington and to lay 10,000 turfs from Tooting Common to create a field. Within months the Surrey county club was formed. A controversial match against All England in 1862 did much to advance the game embracing overarm bowling and brought the Oval its first niche in cricket history. Before the 19th century ended the Oval's other claims to fame included hosting the first FA Cup final.

Already the Oval was tinged with a different, more homely atmosphere than Lord's and it gradually became known as "the people's ground". Lord's is universally acknowledged as the game's stately cathedral; the Oval has always been more of a busy, bustling and close-knit parish.

In 1880 England met Australia there in the first Test match played. Two years later an unexpected Australian win on the ground led the *Sporting Times* to publish the famous mock obituary for English



The indoor cricket nets will be in use all year for professional and budding cricketers alike. Right: John Major shows his style. Inset: Raman Subba Row, whose executive committee was determined to save the Oval

cricket and the Ashes legend was born.

In affectionate remembrance of English cricket which died at The Oval on 29th August, 1882. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P. N.B. — The body will be cremated and the Ashes taken to Australia.

Turning the clock's hands rapidly, the nationwide rejoicing in 1926 and 1953, when the Ashes were regained at the Oval after world wars will never be forgotten.

Leonard Hutton's 364 against Australia in 1938 remains the best remembered innings played, while the Surrey team that won seven successive county championships from 1952 to 1958 — May, Surridge, the Bedders, Laker, Lock et al — are also enshrined in cricket folklore.

A shadow was first cast over the ground in 1971, when the Surrey club had to launch an appeal for £15,000, a sum it would regard today as a pittance. Ten years later the urgent need for ground modernisation on a large scale could not be deferred if the Oval were to keep its Test match

status and Surrey its county cricket.

Raman Subba Row, the chairman of Surrey's executive committee, recalls: "We met specially and agreed that a precious heritage such as the Oval — all that tradition and history — had to be saved, whatever was involved."

Surpluses were ploughed back on ground improvements, including a new stand with executive boxes on the forecourt side of the pavilion. A successful appeal was already running to build the Barrington sports centre to help the local community. A youth trust and a Surrey Cricket Council, overseeing the game at every level, were other commendable facets of the county club.

For a fleeting period the crisis seemed to have passed. However, parts of the main West stand, under modern requirements, were declared unsafe by the local authority, which warned that other areas were liable to be condemned. Surrey decided the West stand should be rebuilt and the Bedser stand was designed. The money raised by the "Save the Oval" appeal, launched in May 1988, would not cover the enlarged development and the links with Foster's were forged.



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Young hopeful: the Ken Barrington Centre will be available for London children, such as this boy, for training

A centre to breed heroes for England

Cricket is one of several sports that will be played at the £3 million Ken Barrington Centre. In September, there will be facilities for five-a-side football, hockey, badminton, short tennis, table tennis, netball, volleyball and aerobics. The indoor cricket nets, though, are the prime attraction, and as good as any in the country.

The surface is made of Uniurf, as are the indoor nets at Lord's and at Arundel in Sussex. Named after benefactors, which include the MCC, Sir Jack Hayward and Taylor Woodrow, the six nets are already in use. There is also a bowling machine, which fires balls at batsmen at speeds ranging from the gentle to a West Indian-like 90mph.

The chairman of Surrey's Youth Trust, who has overseen the development of the centre, is John Poland, aged 66, a retired Lloyds banker. He has also been involved in

The Ken Barrington Centre will net youngsters who lack facilities for cricket, the centre's John Poland (right) tells Ivo Tennant



the setting-up of the indoor cricket school at Arundel. "Young people have had the opportunity of playing at the Oval in the summer, but Kennington has been a neglected area," he says. "The great thing is that the centre can be used outside the cricket season."

"My hope is that local boys will take to cricket. A lot of schools in the area do not have cricket facilities and hence have welcomed this. It would be marvellous if we could find a great big fast bowler."

Mr Poland hopes that young people in the area — and he cites the London Commu-

nity Cricket Association and London Federation of Boys Clubs — will be keen to be coached by Mike Edwards, the youth development officer who played with Ken Barrington for Surrey, and a team of assistants under Peter Brett, who will be the full-time coach.

Courses have started already. The centre, measuring 120ft by 60ft, is to be managed by Steve Howes, who was formerly on the ground staff at the Oval and is taking a degree in leisure activities.

When the nets are not allocated to certain associations — as stipulated by the

Sports Council — they are available for hire at £15 an hour at peak times (during the day) and £11 an hour off peak. Schools will be charged £7 and use of the bowling machine will cost £18 a half hour.

A lift has been installed at the centre (which is below ground), for the use of disabled people. The adjacent medical centre, between the nets and the pavilion in the old changing rooms, will be equipped by the autumn. A bar, changing rooms, a lecture room and a reception area containing a portrait of Barrington and a glass cabinet with memorabilia from his playing days, completes the centre.

Clubs in Surrey will be entertained at the centre at an open day on September 6. A fund-raising function is to be held at the Oval each year. Next month the prime minister will speak at a special dinner, as will Rory Bremner, the comedian, who will be impersonating John Major.

Legend inspires the young

The player whose name has been given to a sports centre hit centuries on every England Test ground

If my life had ever depended on an England batsman, I would have been as happy to see Ken Barrington play for it as anybody. He would have made a joke of it, too, as he could see the funny side of most things, except a Charlie Griffiths bouncer.

Ken hated getting out as much as he loved making runs. He walked slowly to the wicket, his jaw like a break-water on which successive waves of Australian bowlers spent themselves. His record against "the old enemy" is a monument to the things that made him the batsman he was — a natural flair coupled with survival instinct. In 23 Tests against Australia he averaged 63.96 — 16 more than Geoff Boycott and exceeded among Englishmen only by Herbert Sutcliffe. Almost inevitably Ken's record for Surrey was less remarkable. His

game was more suited to the slower tempo of Test cricket. As a compulsive accumulator, endowed with patience and powers of concentration, he took his time. For Surrey he scored 19,032 runs and averaged 41.28. In 82 Tests he made 6,806 at an average of 58.67. He held 515 catches, most at slip, and took 273 wickets with leg breaks and googlies, which should have been given wider use.

The new centre at the Foster's Oval is named after him as much for the affection in which he was held as for his achievements. He had a splendid face, craggy yet kindly, with teeth like tent pegs, the whole effect striking in a rugged, rough-hewn way. Behind it lay a caring and sensitive nature, which became increasingly evident during his years as the England team manager and then as their coach.

As England's batsmen tried to unravel the mysteries of an Indian spinner or ducked for their lives in the Caribbean, Ken did so with them. Like Alec Bedser, another Surrey legend, he had the advantage of being both among friends and famous when he toured, and his own record and experience gave them confidence in him. He took pride in all his records, particularly his achievement in scoring hundreds for England on all the home Test grounds and in every other country where England played — Australia, South Africa, India, New Zealand and Pakistan, and against the West Indies in Barbados and Trinidad. He was a hilarious mimic, something they particularly enjoyed in India, not least, perhaps, because he never thought it funny to be vulgar.

He died in Barbados on March 14, 1981, having just returned from dinner with his wife, Ann, and some friends. Ken had begun the day at the nets with his England players, keyed up but outwardly a picture of fitness. In all who will use the Ken Barrington Centre he would have taken a lively and genuine interest, pleased to help both those who find games a struggle and others to whom they come as easily as they did to him.

JOHN WOODCOCK

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County chases championship

Surrey's young team is in the hunt for its first title in 20 years



Graham Thorpe, left, and Darren Bicknell

A 20-YEAR drought could break this season and the thirst of Surrey for honours will be quenched if they win the county championship. It was in 1971 that they last won the title when Micky Stewart, was captain (Ken Lawrence writes).

Last year Surrey finished ninth and, even if they do not win this year, they are sure to be near the top of the table.

The captain, Ian Greig, believes that a breakthrough is imminent. "We are on the verge... it is going according to plan," he says.

The plan was formulated when he became captain in 1987. Surrey would build on home-bred talent, and youth would get its chance. Greig knew that it would take time — perhaps three years. Of the 25 playing staff, 18 have come through the youth scheme.

Today, Surrey play in the NatWest trophy quarter-final against Essex at the Foster's Oval: a win would leave them one game from a Lord's final. In the championship, Surrey still have games in hand. Greig is particularly excited about his young players, Graham Thorpe and Darren Bicknell.

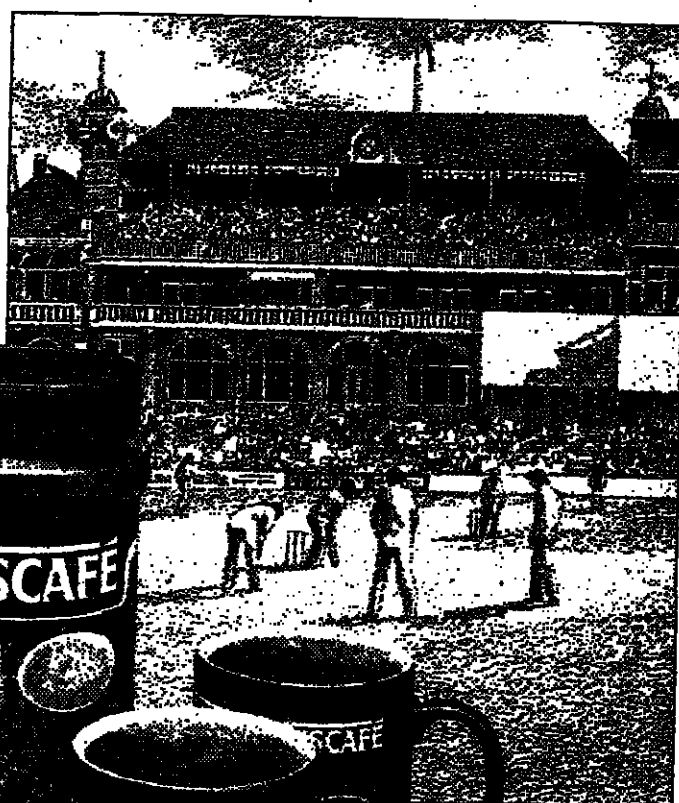
Graham Thorpe, who is 22 tomorrow, has been an enigma. After what Greig calls "a magnificent 1989" and a couple of excellent England "A" team tours, the Surrey-born batsman endured a poor 1990 when everyone else was making runs. "Believe me, he can play," Greig says.

Darren Bicknell, the elder and — by an inch — the taller of the Bicknell brothers, has tended to be overshadowed by fast-bowler Martin, who went with the full England side to Australia, but he impresses Greig enormously. "He has come on by leaps and bounds," he says of the left-hander, who was second in the Surrey averages last year.

Greig argues that to be a good captain you have to be an optimist. "I am the world's biggest optimist but I have never really been able to convey a big feeling of optimism — until now. Today, for the first time, I feel I can."

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The standard bearers: Eric (left) and Alec Bedser, twin veterans of Surrey, look over the Foster's Oval from the stand that bears their name

Playing a forward shot

Six million people live within the catchment area for Surrey cricket. Every step the county club takes as it encourages the game within its borders and develops the Foster's Oval bears this vast population in mind. Surrey are particularly conscious of their responsibilities to the local community in the immediate adjacent and crowded areas such as Brixton, and expect that the facilities at the Ken Barrington Centre will make a significant contribution.

Surrey are the only county club that specifically prints five main objectives in the members' rulebook. Derek Newton, the club's chairman, believes the Bedser stand contributes to every one of Surrey's stated aims. These cover obvious issues, such as staging fixtures from Test matches downwards, but go on to mention promoting cricket locally, providing the best facilities possible at the Oval, and strengthening the bonds between the club and the local population.

These days gate receipts, and even membership subscriptions, are less rewarding for the incomes of county clubs than Test and County Cricket Board shareouts from television fees and the money raised by a club's commercial and marketing activities.

The Bedser stand's executive boxes epitomise the way clubs are leaning towards corporate entertaining. Apart from the Barrington Centre, the stand offers improved viewing for spectators, a modern press box, new changing rooms and other benefits.

The crux of a modern

The new Bedser stand epitomises Surrey's aims for the club's future. Richard Streeton takes in the view



Room with a view: the spectacular Bedser stand

county club's financial thinking, however, is trying to ensure that its premises generate income 52 weeks a year. Clearly the sports centre and catering department can fulfil the requirement. Maximum use of the playing area, however, rests with continuing investigations to find a compatible artificial surface for outfields. The pitch, of course, will remain natural grass. Because of potential damage to the turf it makes no

economic sense at present to allow more than the occasional sporting activity to take place on the Kennington outfield in the cricket close season.

However, ever mindful that the Foster's Oval lies so close to the West End and the City, Surrey believe that large-scale exhibitions, trade fairs, boxing promotions and rock concerts could all be held on the ground when its outfield is artificially surfaced. The wheel has

turned full circle in Surrey's anxiety to use their ground for other purposes. In the 19th century poultry shows, baseball, football, rugby, lacrosse, roller skating and cycling were held to bring in revenue.

With his marketing expertise, Beraie Coleman, this year's Surrey president, first suggested that the idea of linking with a commercial company should be explored. Mr Coleman believes that during the next century

the Foster's Oval could be one of the last big sports grounds to remain in the heart of a city. He says: "The trend nowadays is against new stadia being built cheek by cheek, jowl by jowl, with housing areas of heavy density, as so many of our elderly football grounds were. It is a pity the government has not grasped this particular gentle with a central funding scheme for new stadia, as happens abroad. The Oval will remain, though, because so much money has been spent on it, and, the ground having been saved, will continue to be spent on it."

Surrey have already embarked on the next stage of ground developments, the upgrading of the gracious Victorian pavilion, which was built in 1897-8 for £33,000 and is now overshadowed by the new stands on each side. Plans being finalised this autumn involve the roof being removed to enable two additional floors to be put on top of the existing structure. An extended first floor balcony will provide a terrace passageway, which will link the flanking stands.

Another priority will be to increase the seating capacity from its present 16,000 and to develop the Vauxhall end. One innovation taking place immediately is the first full-scale experiment in England with video replay screens - something that will be commonplace in the 21st century. The system is scheduled to be used for the final Test match against the West Indies, which starts on August 8, and underlines the imaginative thinking continuing to prevail down Lambeth way.

School nets top marks

EDUCATION and profit are neatly combined in the new stand at the Foster's Oval. Hidden out of sight and largely below ground is a new cricketing school (Marcus Binney writes).

The school is as large as a medium-sized aircraft hanger and provides all-year training facilities. Funds for the centre came from the successful £2.5 million appeal that was started after the death of the popular Ken Barrington in 1981. The hall contains six parallel nets, and the 120ft length gives

the longest run-up any fast bowler could wish for.

The floor is laid with Dunlop Unifast specially adapted for indoor cricket. Mark Newton, the manager, says: "The batsmen say it provides a wicket just like Australian turf." The nets are let at £7 an hour each during the day and £15 in the evenings.

The enormous width of the hall required specially welded steel girders to cover the span and bear the weight of the five storeys above. Upstairs, the new stand

provides outdoor, terraced seating for 1,900 and behind these are 20 hospitality boxes, which are leased at £19,000 a year. "We offer them about 50 days of cricket a year," says Mr Mark Newton, "but many of the boxes are used regularly for board meetings and private parties and brain-storming sessions."

The new stand has been handled as a design and build project by Eve Construction. The architects are the John Darbourne Partnership.

Sporting gesture aids the centre

A grant of £320,000 over five years from the Sports Council will guarantee access for local people to the facilities

THE prime minister, who has long been involved with Surrey, would have been delighted that £320,000 of government funding, through the Sports Council, has gone towards the Ken Barrington Centre.

This grant, given before John Major took office, is to last for five years, after which it will be reviewed. Of this, £250,000 is to go to the Surrey Youth Trust, £50,000 to the medical centre at the Oval and an additional £20,000 to help to cover the expense last year of dealing with methane gas trapped beneath the floor of the Barrington Centre (Ivo Tennant writes).

The Sports Council, chaired by Peter Yarrington, a former England rugby player, stipulated certain conditions. One of the conditions is that £50,000 be spent on ensuring that certain organisations have guaranteed access to the Barrington Centre every week for 20 hours non-peak time - evenings and out of season - and 14 hours peak time.

These are the Surrey Cricket Association, the Surrey Schools Cricket Association, the Surrey Women's Cricket Association, the London Schools Cricket Association and the London Community Cricket Association, a body that was established to provide facilities in the capital's inner city areas.

The idea is that young people in the area, many of whom are black, and would not have played cricket at school, should benefit.

"We want to see guaranteed access for 21 years," a Sports Council spokesman says. "Surrey can still run the Barrington Centre cost-effectively, and will be seeing the benefits as well, in that they should discover some cricketers."

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Enforcing contract of guarantee

Therapy of ward against her will

Elpis Maritime Co Ltd v
Marti Chartering Co Ltd
Before Lord Keith of Kinkaid,
Lord Brandon of Oakbrook,
Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of
Aylmerton and Lord Lowry
[Speeches July 24]

Section 4 of the Statute of Frauds 1677 prescribed two ways in which a contract of guarantee might be made enforceable: first, by a written agreement signed by the party to be charged or his agent; second, by a note or memorandum of the agreement signed by the party to be charged or his agent, and signed in the presence of the party to be charged or his agent.

In the latter situation two assumptions were to be made: first, the party to be charged affixed his signature to the note as a contracting party and, second, that the party put his signature solely as an agent of another. In the second position it was wholly irrelevant whether the party signed in his own capacity, or in what capacity, the party signed the note or memorandum. The fact that the party put his signature solely as an agent of another, and signed it in the presence of the party to be charged, was sufficient for the purposes of the Statute of Frauds.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal of the plaintiffs, Elpis Maritime Co Ltd, the owners, from an order dated October 31, 1990, of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Bingham) allowing an appeal of the defendants, Marti Chartering Co Inc, from an order dated March 12, 1990, of Mr Justice Saville giving judgment for the owners on a summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Duncan Matthews for the owners; Mr Gabriel Moss, QC and Mr David Marks for Marti.

LORD BRANDON said that the appeal was concerned with the enforceability of the contract of guarantee between Marti and the owners, Marti Chartering Co Inc, dated October 27, 1988, made between the owners and Olan Dis Ticaret AS, the charterers. The matter came first before Mr Justice Saville in an action brought by the owners against Marti in the Commercial Court.

The owners applied for summary judgment for US\$175,533.10 under the contract of guarantee. Marti, while admitting the contract, contended that it was unenforceable by reason of section 4 of the Statute of Frauds, and that, even if the contract was enforceable, the amount due under it was no more than US\$144,820.59.

The judge held that the requirements of section 4 of the Statute were satisfied, so that the contract of guarantee was enforceable, and gave judgment for the owners for \$144,820.59 and gave Marti leave to defend as to the balance of the claim.

By the charterparty, the owners chartered the motor vessel Maria D to the charterers for a voyage from one safe berth

to another, Turkey, to one safe port in Algeria for the carriage of a cargo of wheat. The charterparty was negotiated through brokers on either side, Trump Maritime Co Ltd for the owners and Marti for the charterers.

During the course of negotiations, Trump insisted that Marti should themselves provide a guarantee, initially only in respect of the charterers' liability for demurrage. The scope of the guarantee was subsequently extended to include the 5 per cent balance of freight.

The written charterparty, as finally concluded, was on the Gencon standard form. It consisted of several sheets containing various clauses.

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It was clear beyond doubt that the Court of Appeal in *Young v Schuler* (1883) 11 QBD 651.

The instant case differed fundamentally from that in that it was not in dispute that there was an oral contract by which Marti guaranteed the liabilities of the charterers in respect of demurrage and balance of freight, such contract having been made in the course of conversations on the telephone between Mr Zafiriou of Trump and Mr Atala of Marti before the charterparty was signed.

The evidence from Marti further showed that without Marti's agreement to the giving of that guarantee, it was likely that no charterparty would have come into being.

It was necessary, in order to decide whether the owners could enforce the agreement of guarantee against Marti, to consider that question on two alternative assumptions: first, Marti affixed their signature as a contracting party; second, and alternatively, Marti signed as agents for the charterers.

By an award dated June 26, 1990, the arbitrators awarded the owners the full amount of their claim with interest and costs. No part of that award was paid by the charterers. The owners brought the action against Marti.

On the first assumption, the prior oral agreement of guarantee was subsumed in the written agreement contained in clause 24. Moreover, the agreement was signed by Marti on their own account. Thus the agreement achieved enforceability in the first of the two ways prescribed by section 4 of the Statute.

On the second assumption, Marti was not a party to the charterparty at all, and the prior oral agreement of guarantee between the owners and Marti was never subsumed in clause 24 but remained intact as when it was first made.

The question then was whether clause 24 of the charterparty constituted a memorandum or note of that prior oral agreement signed by Marti, so as to make that agreement enforceable by the owners against Marti in the second of the two ways of achieving enforceability prescribed by section 4.

Applying the statements of principle made in *In re Hoyle, Hoyle v Hoyle* (1893) 1 Ch 84, 98, 100 by Lord Justice Lindley and Lord Justice A. L. Smith in the present case, it seemed to be wholly irrelevant with what intention, or in what capacity, Marti signed the page in the charterparty containing clause 24, whether as agents for the charterers only or for themselves as well. Clause 24 contained all the terms of the prior oral agreement of guarantee and Marti's signature was affixed to the page containing that clause.

On those facts the page of the charterparty containing clause 24, whether as agents for the charterers only or for themselves as well, contained a sufficient note or memorandum of the prior oral agreement of guarantee signed by the party to be charged, so as to satisfy the second requirement for achieving enforceability prescribed by section 4.

Lord Keith, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Richards Butler, Stephenson Harwood.

In re R (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment)
Before Lord Donaldson of
Lynton, Master of the Rolls,
Lord Justice Staughton and
Lord Justice Farquharson
[Reasons July 24]

Irrespective of whether a ward who had refused to consent to specific psychiatric treatment was of sufficient maturity to understand its nature and importance, the court, exercising its wardship jurisdiction, would override her decision if it was in her best interests to do so.

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reasons for dismissing on July 11 the Official Solicitor's appeal on behalf of R, a ward aged 15, from Mr Justice Waite who had concluded that she should receive certain psychiatric treatment against her will, on the ground, *inter alia*, that she had not sufficient understanding to satisfy the test of "Gillick competence".

The court further ordered that there be no publication of the identity or whereabouts of the child, her parents or her carers.

Mr James Munby, QC, for the Official Solicitor; Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC and Mr Charles Gledhill for the local authority; Mr Jeremy Rosenblatt for the father.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the judge had accepted that the effect of *Gillick v West Norfolk and Wisbech Area Health Authority* (1986) AC 112 was that if a child of sufficient understanding and intelligence to make it to understand fully what was proposed and to be capable of making up its own mind on the matter, the parental right, or the child's right, to give or refuse consent yielded to the child's right to make its own decisions whether the child was consenting or refusing consent. The judge had concluded that R did not have the required degree of understanding.

His Lordship referred to the increasing behavioural difficulties experienced by R who was in the care of the local authority and the concern felt by those responsible for her in respect of her deteriorating mental health which had made it necessary on occasions for applications to be made under sections 2 and 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983 for her admission to hospital.

She had been subsequently discharged to an adolescent psychiatric unit where it was proposed that she should be given drug therapy by injection. The local authority had at first consented to the treatment but on R's communicating her refusal to such treatment in a long telephone call to the authority during which she sounded hysterical and national, it withdrew its consent.

The guidance provided by the House of Lords in *Gillick* had to be seen in context. Mrs

Regina v Nums
Counsel were under a duty to draw the attention of a judge to any sentence which was beyond his power to impose.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Bingham, Mr Justice Rousley and Mr Justice Buckley) so stated on July 18 in allowing an appeal by Mark Nums against sentences imposed by Inner London Crown Court on conviction from Camberwell Crown Magistrate's Court under section 55 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 for 13 assorted offences, including breaches of bail, criminal damage and motor vehicle offences, and under section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 in respect of one offence of reckless driving.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that the court would like to

observe, yet again, that it really was the duty of both prosecuting and defence counsel to bring to the attention of the sentencing judge any matter about which he was wrong. It was the duty of counsel to attend court knowing what the maximum sentences

were and what options were open to the judge. If he made a mistake, it saved a great deal of public expense if it could be corrected at the time.

The court hoped that counsel generally would heed those remarks.

THE COURT OF APPEAL (Lord Justice Bingham, Mr Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Cresswell) so stated on July 23 when dismissing the appeal of Anand Kumar, Prayag against his conviction on July 5, 1990 at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Prendergast and a jury) of theft. He was fined £200 and ordered to pay £363 towards the costs of the prosecution.

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Shadayid to take centre stage

A RARE clash between the winners of the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas will be the centrepiece of the Goodwood today when Shadayid and Shadaiyid line up for the Sussex Stakes.

It should be a fascinating spectacle because Shadayid appears to have only one way of racing, making the running at a break-neck pace.

That will simply pay into the hands of Willie Carson on Shadayid, who is supposed to emulate Winkipop, Petite Etiole, Humble Duty and On The House, who are the only fillies this century to have won this group one prize in addition to the 1,000 Guineas.

A strong gallop set by Shadayid will enable Carson to get Shadayid relaxed and set off early on instead of fighting for her head. That way, she can reproduce the finish that was so decisive at Newmarket.

Since then Shadayid has been beaten twice, first in the

beaten into second place by Zilzil in 1989 and by Distant Relative last year.

Pricko and Shadaiyid are the other older horses in the field, but Shadaiyid, who won the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot, will only take his chance if the going is on the softer side of good.

Pricko, the French challenger, was beaten half a length last time out by Sangamora who has been beaten twice since, albeit at the highest level.

The Irish challenger Star Of Gdanek was third in our Derby and the Irish Derby after finishing second in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

The marvellous run of success being enjoyed this year by Prince Fald Saliman, Paul Cole and Alan Munro looks like continuing with Dhuu winning the Scottish Equitable Richmond Stakes over the same course and distance

which saw him score by 12 lengths early in June. After that, he was many people's Royal Ascot banker to win the Coventry Stakes and he did not disappoint.

By winning the July Stakes at Newmarket before he finished second in the Prix Robert Papin, Showbrook

proved that he is better than his fifth place in the Coventry Stakes might suggest.

But the fact remains he still has 11 lengths to make up on Dhuu, who is already firmly entrenched as favourite for next year's 2000 Guineas.

Dagna, from Francis Lee's Cheshire stable, is taken to win the Fote Gold Trophy in the belief that he will turn out to be even more effective tackling one-and-a-half miles for the first time.

Tidmark, representing the same combination that won this race 12 months ago with Black Monday, is nominated as Stakes' main danger.

Having won the Ascot Stakes last year, Tidmark has the necessary stamina for the Country Club Hotels Goodwood Stakes, while Richard Hannan's improving sprinter Tanga Time can extend his winning run to four in the Singleton Handicap.

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Prize cuts published

THE Levy Board yesterday released details of its prize-money cuts for 1992. After a lengthy battle with the Jockey Club over the shape of next year's fixture list, the board has set minimum values for all races at fully-funded meetings at or just below 1989 levels.

The minimum value for Flat races will be £2,800 (current level £2,900), chases £2,500 and hurdle races £1,700 (£1,800).

The list of important meetings which will not receive assistance from the board's daily grant has been extended to make cuts of £750,000.

The one area to benefit will be the all-weather programme, which has proved so successful that the daily grant for weekday fixtures will rise from £4,500 to £5,000.

The board is to review the situation in the autumn and has already warned that further reductions could follow.

Firions Law can lift Galway Plate

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, DUBLIN

FIRIONS Law, who came within a head of upsetting a hefty gamble on Local Whipper in the Tattersall's Gold Cup at Punchestown in April, is strongly fancied to make a winning start to the new season in the £140,000 Digital Galway Plate today.

All 23 four-day declarations stood their ground overnight and the bottom weight Lisroe was balloted out. Top weight of 12 stone will be shouldered by Have A Barney, who has been placed to such profitable advantage by Arthur Moore.

Have A Barney won over hurdles recently and prior to that had given a six-length beating to the Gosser in the John P. Harty Memorial Chase at Punchestown. The runner-up

is now 6lb better off, but this has never been a lucky race for his trainer, Paddy Mullins, who has won it on only one occasion. Tradition is, however, against Have A Barney as the post-war records for the race reveal that only two horses, Leap Frog and Urron, have managed to win with 12 stone or more.

At the other end of the handicap, the bookmakers rate highly the chance of Bothar Na Spiora, trained by Michael O'Brien.

Like Have A Barney, he was a winner last time out over hurdles and he has been cleverly placed to gain winning experience over fences without making any undue rise in the weights. The best long shot could be Never Be Great.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
6.15 Chakalak. 6.45 Where's Ruth. 7.15 Kristis Girl. 7.45 Palacegate Racing. 8.15 Tellwright. 8.45 Sugamara.

THUNDERER
6.15 Chakalak. 6.45 Runnel. 7.15 Northern Nation. 7.45 Palacegate Racing. 8.15 Coltrane. 8.45 Weed.

GOING: STANDARD
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One crew suggested that the wire restraining strop served no purpose, while the American crew on Champosa argued that Kevlar tape snuck along the edge was sufficient to overcome the rule. Alan Green, the race director, ruled that all hatches had to be attached to him by through-bolts to the deck, which set off a run on stocks and bonds.

The situation for everyone was stabilized by Saturday, when the team arrived in Spain, but on Monday afternoon the team was on the 1992 Olympic course when Banyoles suffered a storm which caused high waves and a rapid abandonment of activity. Joanne Leach and Claire McInnosh, the coxless pair, were taken back to shore in a rescue boat.

Banks still considers that six of the 11-boat team could reach their finals, although said: "Medals could be hard to come by."

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Natwest Trophy quarter-finals well matched

Quiet achievers have a chance to speak volumes

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST unnoticed within a county cricket season that has abandoned its expected course, Nottinghamshire are mounting a serious challenge for three important competitions. Third in the championship and second in the Sunday league, they go to Southampton today with the bookmakers, at least, predicting they will beat Hampshire and enter the last four of the NatWest Trophy.

All this from a team with no one in the top ten of the national bowling averages, no one in the England side and, if pundits like myself were to be believed when the season began, no chance of honours with players communally suffering the decay factor. If they win nothing, Nottinghamshire will still have proved that theory to be misguided and their captain-manager combination of Tim Robinson and John Birch are to be congratulated. Robinson's leadership has not been without criticism, sometimes emanating from his own dressing-room, and his team's image is altogether more dour than in the artificially heady days of Hadlee and Rice. That they still know how to win, though, cannot be denied. Their lack of Test players is largely due to the fact that Robinson, Broad and French are serving suspensions for sanction-breaking in South Africa. Broad, at least, would

Hampshire v Nottinghamshire (at Southampton)
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Surrey v Essex (at The Oval)

DETAILS: Start: 10.30am, 50 overs per side. Television: Live BBC2 10.20am-12.55pm and 1.35-7.25pm (shared with racing from Goodwood). BBC1: 2.20-4.10pm. Highlights: BBC2 11.15pm. Sky Sports 8.10-10.10pm and midnight-2.00am. Betting: 3-1: Essex, 7-2: Warwickshire, 4-1: Nottinghamshire, 9-4: Northamptonshire, 7-1: Hampshire, 5-1: Surrey, 14-1: Somerset, 20-1: Glamorgan.

have been a likely choice against the West Indies and he will be a critical figure today at the head of the batting. Pollard and Johnson have recently found form but the season's revelation has been Derek Randall, whose graduation to cricket's 40-club was just one reason for doubting that Nottinghamshire were sufficiently spring-heeled. Randall has a first-class average of 66 this season and it would be marvellous to see him have one more big day to end his career. My instincts, however, are that come tonight, Nottinghamshire's sights will be restricted to two competitions, leaving Hampshire to pursue the only one left to them. There was a fervent belief within Mark Nicholas's side that the NatWest would be won, for the first time, last year. Perhaps it should have been, too, for they were guilty of surrendering a semi-final

they really should have won. They expect to have Robin Smith back today, an event which will be closely monitored by the England management. Also under urgent observation for a Test recall is David Gower and these two are the potential match-winners. Together, they saw Hampshire to a jaunty disposal of the holders, Lancashire, in the second round. While certain of the glamour clubs have wallowed in mediocrity this summer, Warwickshire are perhaps ahead even of Nottinghamshire as team of the year. Well clear in the championship, they now have a home tie with Somerset in the trophy and, on form, they should win.

Warwickshire are keen to bat second, in which case the main event, Donald versus Cook, will be first on stage. South Africa's fastest bowler says of South Africa's No. 1 batsman: "He is one of the best one-day players in the world. He never looks like he is destroying an attack but steadily accumulates."

Somerset do have some fine batting, even in the improbable event of Cook failing, but their bowling is as thin as any in the country and it will be a great surprise if the champions-elect go out. It will not be so surprising if Glamorgan win at Northampton, however, even if last year's beaten finalists have the pedigree. With Maynard and Butcher in such wonderful form with the bat, and their seam attack nothing if not consistent, Glamorgan are a more dependable proposition than Allan Lamb's side.

The thoroughbred quarter-final is at the Oval, and not only because the Queen will be present. Surrey and Essex are more closely matched than for some years and if the potentially explosive contest between Gooch and Waqar Yousif should be won by the Pakistani, Surrey could have the batting strength to win.

Essex hope to include Foster, although his dodgy knee is once more pinning him, and there is a chance Martin Bicknell will be risked by Surrey, three weeks after dislocating a shoulder. No one, however, will be kinder to win this than Ian Greig, in his last year as Surrey captain and still seeking some tangible reward. These are four very open games but my semi-finalists would be Hampshire, Warwickshire, Glamorgan and Surrey.

David Lawrence will miss Gloucestershire's match against the West Indians at Bristol starting today after having a verruca removed from his right foot yesterday.

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Byford rules out deal for Botham

SIR Lawrence Byford, the Yorkshire president, has rebuffed the suggestion of Brian Close, the club's cricket chairman, that a player from another county we have to make sure he is very good and right for us and, with all respect to Ian, who has been a great player, he is not the one.

Close, who is godfather to Botham's son, Liam, may face a vote of no confidence when the full committee meets on August 20. Yesterday one committee member said: "I shall want to know whether he was paid for his comments."

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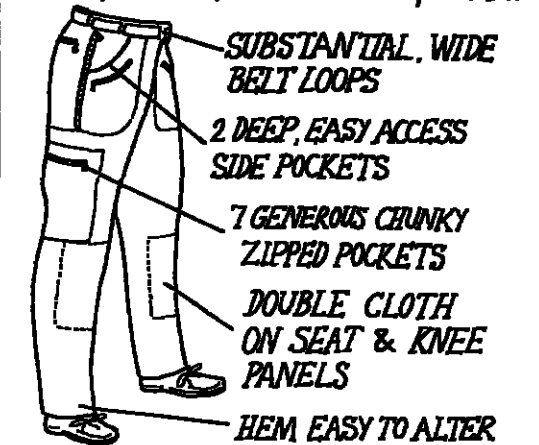
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Portrait call: Moore and Charlton pose with the main attraction at the National Portrait Gallery yesterday

Charlton is picture of pleasure

By JOHN GOODBODY

THEY came, some of the heroes of the 1966 World Cup final, to the National Portrait Gallery in London yesterday to witness the unveiling of a painting of Bobby Charlton, 25 years to the day after England had beaten West Germany 4-2 at Wembley.

Bobby Moore, the captain on that momentous afternoon, performed the unveiling ceremony, watched by Geoff Hurst, the scorer of three goals in the final, Ray Wilson and George Cohen, the two squat full backs, and John Connolly, one of those reserves who for the rest of their lives must harbour bitter memories of English football's most celebrated day.

Kenneth Wolstenholme, the BBC television commentator, was there, too — the man whose contribution to the sayings of the nation was

his description of the last minute, England, leading 3-2 in extra time and with Hurst sprinting through the German defence to score the fourth goal, Wolstenholme said: "Some people are on the pinch... they think it's all over. Well, it is now, it's four."

It was just as well the gallery timed the unveiling of the portrait, commissioned by British Gas, for yesterday, otherwise, the day would have passed with only nostalgia in the media to mark a day that for millions remains a deeply etched memory of exactly where they were jumping with delight as Hurst scored the final goal. The Football Association made no arrangements for a celebration, something that members of the team would have liked. They had their own private dinner organised by Charlton on the eve of the FA Cup final.

However, any resentment was forgotten in the com-

munal pleasure of the unveiling of the portrait by Peter Edwards, who as a youth watched Charlton playing for Manchester United and has been a prize-winner in the annual awards at the Gallery. Charlton is depicted relaxing at home. A white sphere, serving both as a ball and the world, is painted above his head, where there is also a white circle. Edwards said the latter was a painter's mark which he never removed because he thought it was appropriate. However, Cohen insisted: "They have made Bobby a saint at last."

The oil portrait will hang in the front entrance of the gallery for at least three months before being moved to join paintings of Sebastian Coe, Ian Botham, Daley Thompson and Vivian Richards.

Charlton himself beamed with pleasure. "It still stays in people's memory that day.

Whenever I go to a newspaper shop or the butcher, people say, 'I remember 1966'." Ray Wilson said that, as time passes, the day "seems to get more important to people. You would be amazed how many people have told me they were at Wembley — at least 45 million."

The portrait was unveiled at 11.30am, the time 25 years ago when Charlton and Wilson had caught a bus from the team hotel in Hendon to buy a pair of shoes in Golden Green. (Imagine that being permitted today!) They then returned for a light lunch before going to Wembley for the match.

The strains of the football anthem, *You'll Never Walk Alone*, drifted in from Trafalgar Square. But it was not a group of sentimental England supporters, just the Celtic followers warming up for the pre-season match against Arsenal last night.

Lewis climbs to thin air in attempt to outdo Beamon

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, SESTRIERE

CARL Lewis has spent the last five days here in this Italian resort preparing meticulously for his attempt today on the one prize that has eluded him throughout his illustrious career, the long jump world record.

Unbeaten for ten years, he has now forsaken pure performance for the assistance of altitude. Lewis has never jumped at altitude before but, what was good for Bob Beamon in Mexico in 1968 is now good for him. In the month of his thirtieth birthday, Lewis is running out of time.

To a chorus of disapproval among statisticians, world records are not separated into altitude and sea-level performances: at 2,050 metres, the stadium here is only 135 metres lower than Mexico City. The closest Lewis has

come to Beamon's 8.90 metres was his 8.79 in 1983, but in his one competition this season he jumped 8.64.

On his first day here, last Friday, he spent three hours jumping. "Never in his life has he trained five days for one event outside the world championships and Olympics," Joe Douglas, his manager, said.

It has come as a shock to Barrington Williams to find not only Lewis here but three more Americans who have jumped 8.50 this summer: Llewellyn Starks, Larry Myricks and Mike Powell. "I thought it was a little meeting," Williams said.

All he had been told by Andy Norman, who arranges competition abroad for British athletes, was that it was a good place to get the world championship qualifying distance he

needs to become, at 35, the oldest member of the team for Tokyo. Before Williams even knew Sestriere was on, Lewis was practising. At least Williams will have something to talk about when he gets home. "All my friends have been saying 'When are you going to jump against Lewis?' This will be his first time. 'It's the chance of a lifetime.'"

His regard for the Olympic and world champion has no bounds. When they were at the same training camp just before the 1988 Olympics, all the athletes were asked to sign on a wall. "I remember trying to sign my name near his," Williams said. "I thought it was the nearest I would ever get to him."

Williams may function in a world half a metre behind Lewis's — his AAA's championship win on Saturday took a mere 7.94 metres — but they have one thing in common: six years Williams has been chasing a record since 1968. Lynn Davies's 8.23 metres is the oldest in the British book. The nearest Williams has come is 8.01 but the good omen, he says, is that it took him 23 years to break Davies's indoor record.

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Connachan decides to seek happiness off the course

By PATRICIA DAVIES

JANE Connachan, the little Scot from Royal Musselburgh who has been astounding people in golf since she was ten years old, shot 58 in a competitive round earlier this month and shortly afterwards announced her retirement. She will be making her last appearance as a touring professional in the Scottish women's British Open at Woburn this week.

At the age of 27, she has had enough. She is getting out while she still has her sanity and the time to learn new skills, to develop a different outlook on life. She has a five-year plan in mind, working as an assistant with Jimmy Hume at Gullane, teaching and becoming FGA qualified, and studying sign language.

"I'd love to teach deaf children golf and religious studies," Connachan said. "But I'm going to have to discipline myself, reprogram my mind and learn how to study, while working for someone else, with the responsibilities that involves."

A hell-raiser in her teens, now quietly religious, she is relishing the thought of discovering life outside golf, having made the decision to retire in Cologne a few weeks ago.

"I'd been thinking about it for a long time," she said yesterday. "And, through counselling, mainly from Karen Douglas, of Christians in Sport, I decided that golf really wasn't doing me any good. Psychologically, I was having depressions and severe

mood swings but now I've made up my mind I feel great, brilliant."

Yesterday, she played a final practice round with Alison Nicholas and Diane Barnard and had the satisfaction of winning the money, all of a season. If she plays well this week it will be because she is relaxed, no longer forcing herself to do something that had long ceased to give her joy, that had become a habit and remained one because she was so good.

"That was almost the curse," Connachan said. In 1980, aged 16, she was Great Britain and Ireland's youngest Curtis Cup player, and in 1984 she turned professional. "I've always done quite well, even in a bad season. I should've stopped after winning the European Open in 1989. Gone out on a high."

That year, however, Connachan was sixth on the Woodmark order of merit, with earnings of just over £38,000, but her desire to play had gone, a result, she reckoned, of competing since the age of ten when she played in her first British girls' championship, at Dunbar. She did not win the title until six years later, in 1980 (she also won in 1981), but as Scottish girls' champion three years in a row from 1978 she already knew the strain of expectation.

"My first Scottish girls' win was dead exciting," she recalled, "but after that it was just expected, there was no thrill. Most tournaments, when I won, it was a relief, not a great joy."

In 1982, Connachan won the Scottish women's title and the British strokeplay title and again made the Curtis Cup team, but the following year she found she could not cope with winning any more because of what people expected.

She has released herself from all that and, while she does not regret her time in golf, she would, she said, have no regrets if told she could never touch a club again. "I don't know that I want to be remembered as a golfer at all," she said.

A stroll across Stanley Park

By IAN ROSS

PETER Beardsley, Liverpool's England international forward, is expected to make the short journey across Stanley Park to sign for Everton within the next 48 hours. Beardsley, aged 30, flew to London from Liverpool's pre-season tour of Scandinavia yesterday to open formal negotiations with Howard Kendall, the Everton manager.

Earlier in the day, the clubs had agreed on a fee of around £1 million for the player, who joined Liverpool from Newcastle United for £1.9 million four years ago.

Beardsley's long-term future at Liverpool has been in serious doubt since the club established a British transfer record fee of £2.9 million earlier this month, when it signed Dean Saunders from Derby County.

If the parties can agree on personal terms, the likelihood is that Beardsley will travel to Merseyside later today to sign a three-year contract.

Liverpool are ready to let Beardsley go because Graeme Souness, the team manager, was told that he must sell at least two players to help finance the Saunders deal. Steve Staunton, the Republic of Ireland international defender, will announce shortly whether or not he is to join Aston Villa for £1.5 million.

The FA is to step up its random drug-testing programme at Football League clubs. All 93 clubs have received a Sports Council "Doping Control Information Pack" that includes a list of 500 banned substances.

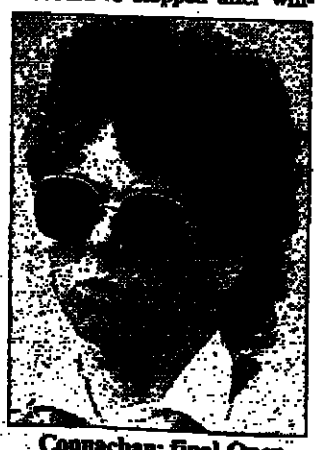
In June, the FA Council decided to introduce legislation "specifically prohibiting the taking of banned drugs by players" and warned that "with immediate effect drug tests will be compulsory and any player testing positive will be charged under FA rules."

Aston Villa yesterday completed the signing of Kevin Richardson from Real Sociedad for £450,000. Villa must pay West Bromwich Albion £40,000 for Ugochuku Ehinogu, the 18-year-old central defender.

The new Southampton manager, Ian Branfoot, yesterday made his first important signing when he paid Bradford City £250,000 for Lee Sinnott, aged 26, a defender. Beaconsfield have signed Jimmy Quinn, West Ham's Northern Ireland international forward, for £40,000.

Mike Phelan, the Manchester United player, will miss the start of the new season after damaging knee ligaments in a match in Norway.

Charlton Athletic have been given permission to play their first three home matches of the season at West Ham, but the Football League has told the second-division side it must be back at the Valley ground to play Portsmouth on September 14.



Connachan: final Open

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